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PREFACE

With this, the twenty-seventh, volume, which opens at the beginning of May, 1684, the Calendar of State Papers Domestic belonging to the reign of King Charles II is brought to the eve of the King's death on the sixth day of the following February. The series will be completed with a further volume, covering the whole reign and consisting of material not hitherto calendared, among which the papers of the Navy Board are of predominant importance.

"By April 1684," as a recent historian has written, "the royal triumph appeared to be complete." [1] The contents of the present volume may therefore be said to coincide exactly with the final phase of Charles's reign. During these few months which remained to him his principal concern was to consolidate and maintain the position of virtually absolute sovereignty in which it had been the aim of his recent policy to establish himself.

His brother was once more close in his counsels. On May 11 the Commission of Admiralty was revoked (p. 12) and the King himself assumed the title of Lord High Admiral. But in effect the Duke of York was restored to the position which the Test debarred him from holding formally.[2] Shortly afterwards the office of Secretary of the Admiralty was erected and Samuel Pepys, who as an adherent of the Duke's had been under a cloud since 1679, was appointed to it (p. 41). When Sidney Godolphin, "weary," according to Burnet, "of the drudgery that lay on a Secretary of State," exchanged that office, which he had held but four months, for the first commissionership of the Treasury and a barony (p. 130), he was succeeded by the Earl of Middleton, hitherto Secretary in Scotland (p. 127), who was of the Duke's party and was to remain conspicuously faithful to him.

Middleton's patent was dated August 24. A month earlier there had been a new Commission of the Treasury (occasioned by the death of Sir Edward Dering), in which Sir Dudley North,

[1] Ogg, *England in the Reign of Charles II*, ii, 654.
[2] When news of this came to Portsmouth "the guns were fired, bonfires made and the bells rung with all demonstrations of joy" (p. 24).

Court nominee in the battle for the London shrievalty in 1682, and Henry Frederick Thynne were joined with the Earl of Rochester, Sir John Ernle and Sir Stephen Fox (p. 101). On August 25 this commission was superseded by another, in which the name of Godolphin was substituted for that of Rochester (p. 130); the earl becoming Lord President of the Council. According to his brother-in-law York, "Lord Rochester had long desired to be out of the Treasury and prest" the Duke "and his friends in it very much and those who were not his friends knew nothing of it till it was resolved on" (p. 131). But Burnet says that he had hoped that the office of Lord Treasurer would be revived in his favour, and Sir John Reresby believed that his removal from the board was the work of Lord Halifax, who, alluding to the earl's promotion to "a post superior in rank, but much inferior both in advantage and credit," remarked that "he had heard of many kicked down stairs, but never of any that was kicked up stairs before," and wrote to Reresby: "You may believe I am not at all displeased to see such an adversary removed from the only place that could give him power and advantage; and he beareth it with so little philosophy, that, if I had ill-nature enough, there is occasion given me to triumph." [1]

"The wonder was," Reresby comments, "how the finger of my Lord Privy Seal was able to effect this against the shoulder of the Duke of York," and for the moment "there seemed a possiblity that the moderate and humane counsels of Halifax would at last prevail, . . . that an age of marvels was about to be capped by the supreme marvel of all—the repentance of a Stuart." [2] But this was an illusion. Charles, who in December was talking of dismissing Halifax from his Council,[3] persevered in his policy.

One manifestation of this was the revocation of the Commission for Ecclesiastical Preferments (p. 155) and the resumption by the King of a free hand in the election of bishops. An exceptional number of sees, as it happened, fell vacant during these last months of the reign; and some notable appointments were made. Thus Thomas Smith was promoted from the deanery to the bishopric of Carlisle (p. 13), John Lake went from Sodor and Man to Bristol (p. 77), Francis Turner from Rochester to Ely (p. 123), Thomas Sprat from the deanery of Westminster to Rochester (p. 171), Peter Mews from Bath and Wells to

[1] Burnet, *History of My Own Time: The Reign of Charles the Second* (ed. Airy), ii, 435, 436. *Memoirs of Sir John Reresby* (ed. Cartwright), pp. 307, 308.
[2] Ogg, *England in the Reign of Charles II*, ii, 655. Thynne, one of the new Treasury Commissioners, was related to Halifax.
[3] *Ibid.*, ii, 656.

Winchester (p. 211) and Thomas Ken, the King's outspoken chaplain, to Bath and Wells (p. 266). Of some of these dignitaries Burnet has left vivid if prejudiced character-sketches.[1]

By a proviso of the Act of 1664 which had repealed the Triennial Act of the Long Parliament a new parliament was due, and indeed more than due, to be summoned. But Charles, in spite of the advice of Halifax, had no intention of abiding by that enactment. When rumours to the contrary got abroad he caused a circular letter to be sent to the Lords Lieutenant and others, enjoining them to give them no credit, "by all proper ways and means to disabuse his good subjects that they" might "not be misled by any such false representations", and to use their "best endeavours to discourage such seditious practices, inconsistent with the peace and quiet of the kingdom," as the promotion of "a tumultuous petition for the meeting of a parliament" which he had been informed was designed (pp. 22, 23, 39). The Parliament of Scotland was to have met in March, 1685, the Duke of York going to Edinburgh as High Commissioner (see below, p. xxiii); but whether, had the King lived longer, the Lords and Commons would eventually have been called to Westminster it is impossible to determine.

It was asserted that "the Court and the great ones" dared not look a parliament in the face,[2] but effective measures had certainly been taken to insure an amenable Lower House, at any rate so far as the representation of the boroughs was concerned. Warrants for new charters to a large number of towns, in every instance containing the all-important clause giving the King the power of veto on the election of officers, were issued during the period under consideration. In May there were grants to Canterbury (renewed in October) (pp. 11, 12), Plymouth (p. 25), Bury St. Edmunds (*ib.*), Great Yarmouth (*ib.*) and Dover (p. 37); in June to Richmond, Yorks. (p. 43), Buckingham (p. 52), Ipswich (p. 53) and Dartmouth (Clifton-Dartmouth-Hardness) (p. 81); in July to King's Lynn (p. 86), Scarborough (p. 93) and Swansea (p. 94); in September to Totnes (p. 137), Colchester (p. 142) and Oxford (p. 155); in October to Barnstaple (p. 166) and Exeter (p. 170); in November to Lincoln (p. 202), Carlisle (p. 203), Macclesfield (*ib.*), Tiverton (p. 207), Helston (p. 209), Chester (p. 214), Leicester (*ib.*), Harwich (p. 215) and Chichester (p. 224); in December to Wigan (p. 232), Lyme Regis (p. 235),

[1] See *History of My Own Time* (ed. Airy), ii, 431–433.
[2] See below, p. xi.

Cambridge (*ib.*), Lancaster (*ib.*), Kendal (Kirkby Kendal) (p. 236), Southwold (p. 239), Leeds (p. 240), Bath (p. 249), South Molton (Southmolton) (*ib.*), Hedon, which was to have its charter without payment of the customary fees (pp. 194, 254), Neath (p. 256), Grantham (p. 257), Godmanchester (*ib.*), Preston (p. 260), Leominster (*ib.*), Newcastle-on-Tyne (p. 263), Devizes (p. 267) and Newark (p. 268); and in January, 1685, to Shrewsbury (p. 277), Worcester (p. 283), Beverley (p. 293) and Kingston-upon-Hull (p. 294).

The majority of these grants followed the nominally voluntary surrender of old privileges, accompanied by petitions for their renewal on the King's terms—and many such petitions had not been dealt with when the reign ended—but against several towns writs of *Quo warranto* had been issued : [1] viz., Chester (p. 38), York (p. 39), St. Ives, Cornwall (p. 44), Scarborough (p. 45), Southwold (p. 118), Lichfield (p. 141), Berwick (*ib.*), Malmesbury (p. 151), Leominster (p. 168), Sudbury (pp. 213, 269), Gravesend (p. 216) and Poole (p. 228); while from Hadleigh some of the loyal inhabitants petitioned for a writ against the corporation, "they having been guilty of several illegal actions and great oppressions" (p. 281).

The manner in which the new charters were received may be gathered from the newsletters. That of Colchester was brought thither by the Duke of Albemarle as Recorder. "He was met about three miles from the place with about 400 horse and, when he came to the gate, he was received by the two companies of the Trained Bands, and the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council. He walked on foot from the gate to the Guildhall, the ground being covered with bayes. The charter was carried before him, the Mayor, etc., attending him, the bells ringing all the while and four pieces of cannon were often discharged. He was welcomed all the way to the Guildhall with the acclamations of the people, who testified their joy all night by making bonfires" (p. 216). There were similar scenes at Lyme Regis. The charter "was met by several gentlemen on horseback two miles from the town and received by the Trained Bands at the town's end. The Mayor and Aldermen in their formalities carried it to the town house, where it was read, after which a great shout of God save the King and royal family. Then Capt. Alford, who was appointed by his Majesty, was sworn Mayor, who gave them a noble entertainment. The day ended with firing great guns and several volleys of small

[1] *Cf.* preface to previous volume, p. xvi.

shot and the night by making bonfires and all expressions of joy " (p. 288).

These manifestations of loyal enthusiasm did not preclude a good deal of dissatisfaction with, and opposition to, the Government's proceedings ; as at Berwick (p. 231), Malmesbury (p. 151) and the notoriously factious Leominster, which was largely ruled by John Dutton Colt, its member in the late Parliament and now a prisoner in the King's Bench at the suit of the Duke of York, and had lost its privileges through failure to elect its officers on the day appointed (pp. 168, 173, 186, 196). In settling the affairs of the last-named two towns a hand was taken by the Duke of Beaufort, whose immense influence in the West was vigorously exercised in the royal interest.[1] The boroughs within the Duchy of Cornwall surrendered through the Earl of Bath, as Lord Lieutenant (p. 245).

A few further points arising from this wholesale revision of the municipal constitutions may be noted. It was the occasion for a jealous assertion of rights, both by the boroughs themselves and by other bodies or individuals who believed their own privileges to be in danger of encroachment. Thus Lowestoft petitioned that in the charter to be granted to Great Yarmouth the boundary between the two towns might be established in accordance with the judgment of the House of Lords in a suit between them (p. 13) ; the Bishop and Dean and Chapter of Chichester prayed for the continuance of the exemption of the cathedral and its close from the Mayor's jurisdiction (pp. 129, 199); and at St. Albans, on the petition of the Justices, the special commission of the peace granted by James I to the Earl of Salisbury was abolished (p. 301, *cf.* previous vol., pp. 244, 341). The dispute between the city of Oxford and the university about the night watch, the locality of the fairs and the number of Aldermen was mentioned in the preface to the previous volume of this Calendar (pp. xvi, xvii). The history of its continuance and outcome may be traced in the present volume (pp. 4, 12, 49–51, 64, 67, 85, 88, 89, 91, 92, 95, 97–99, 140, 155). One particular Oxford college, Queen's, found a cause of grievance in a clause in the new charter to Andover allowing the corporation to change the site of the great fair at Weyhill, which was held to be prejudicial both to the college, as patrons of the living of

[1] See Ogg, *England in the Reign of Charles II*, ii, 635. The Duke was also intermediary between the King and the Corporation of Bristol, where " some malcontents and evil disposed persons . . . endeavoured themselves and animated others to lay the government there under contempt by public neglect and open affronts." The Soapboilers' Company made themselves particularly offensive by refusing to take part in the celebration of November 5, and the King determined to " put them into the Attorney General's hands " (p. 241).

Weyhill, and to Ewelme Hospital, as landlords of the old fair-ground, and resulted in a series of lawsuits and a petition to the King (p. 298).

Meanwhile the surrender of the charters of the Livery Companies of London, accompanied by petitions for their renewal, was also steadily proceeding.[1] In June the King decreed that the choice of officers named in the new charters to be granted should lie with the Lord Chief Justice (p. 80); and on these terms grants were made to the Apothecaries (pp. 94, 152), Grocers (p. 164), Drapers (p. 165), Saddlers (*ib.*), Merchant Tailors (p. 172), Leathersellers (p. 176), Plumbers (p. 178), Clothworkers (p. 210), Fishmongers (p. 218), Bakers (p. 252), Brewers (*ib.*), Glaziers (p. 254), Blacksmiths (*ib.*), Tilers and Bricklayers (*ib.*), Innholders (p. 259), Founders (p. 263) and Goldsmiths (p. 275), as well as to the Brewers of Exeter (p. 165). There is an unfinished entry of a warrant in favour of the Haberdashers, the writing of which was presumably interrupted by the King's death (p. 306).

In May, according to a newsletter, there was "a discourse about town of a new conspiracy" (p. 22). But there was little foundation for the rumour: the danger of effective opposition to the Government had been successfully scotched. There was discontent, but it was for the most part expressed with a discretion born of experience. In the autumn an anonymous correspondent, who appears to have been a Government agent, was informing Sunderland of the temper and proceedings of the Whigs:

> I never knew the Whigs in London so wary in managing their discourses and of their company. If three or four be together on the Exchange talking of news or what each has to communicate, if two more of their own party join them, part of the rest walk away, how desirous soever they are to hear the discourse, for they choose to ask it of some that stay and walk singly again. . . .
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> In general all the Dissenters lie so under the lash of the penal statutes that it restrains them of taking the liberty as formerly in discourse. . . . A great number outwardly good Church of England men having little in them of preciseness, at this juncture speak more plainly and resolutely against the government than the Dissenters.

[1] On May 15 the London surgeons petitioned for incorporation apart from the barbers (p. 20). On June 2 the barbers and peruke-makers petitioned that all who made perukes in London or within seven miles thereof should, for their better reputation, be incorporated in the Barber-Surgeons' Company (p. 41); and their petition was favourably reported on by the Lord Keeper and the Lord Chief Justice, to whom it had been referred (p. 73). On November 7, on the petition of the Cardmakers' Company, a proclamation was issued forbidding the importation of foreign playing-cards (p. 203). On January 3, 1685, there was referred to the Lords of the Treasury a petition of the Pinmakers' Company praying the fulfilment of a contract into which the King had entered with them to prepare a stock of 20,000*l.* whereby to furnish them with wire, which should be bought of the King (p. 273).

There was a "mighty party" which would apparently never be reconciled unless the Duke of York and the Duchess of Portsmouth should die. "Then they say there might be happy days under the present King." "When they talk of a parliament, they say the Court and the great ones dare not look a parliament in the face; therefore they expect none till some great change happen amongst them." They looked to Europe—to a Protestant association there and the successes of the Turk—for their salvation (pp. 187, 188).

In further letters the same writer described the effect on the malcontents of the acquittal of Joseph Hayes the linen-draper, charged with high treason in corresponding with Sir Thomas Armstrong (pp. 183, 216),[1] and of the trial of Thomas Rosewell, who, having been convicted of speaking treason in the pulpit on evidence palpably insufficient and tainted, moved for and was granted an arrest of judgment and was finally pardoned (pp. 171, 180, 184, 221, 290, 297).[2]

> I have had more difficulty this week to understand the Whigs, for whereas at the beginning of last week and particularly the day after Rosewell's trial they appeared to me to be enraged more than ordinary and as if they were looking every way how they might revenge themselves on the government, since the trial of Mr. Hayes, his success in being acquitted and the favour shown to Rosewell in allowing him counsel to argue the validity of the indictment they are like people metamorphosed and seemed so gratified that I suspected whether I could believe my own eyes and ears and whether some deeper contrivance was not on foot that required them to put on a face of submission while the part of the fox was to be acted. . . . The very cases of these two men make them at present as if they did not mind the Dissenters sufferers in prison, etc. Not that I believe them reconciled to the government or that it has wrought in them any resolutions of obedience but on the contrary that their principles are the same and as willing to see a change as ever. Yet by this they have discovered they are people who may be managed and in some respects they are more easy than I took them to be. How long this humour will last is uncertain, for I look on it as accidental (pp. 222, 223).

A few days later he wrote:

> I would not be understood to represent things better than they are or to occasion security concerning the Whigs, but I must still say the coming of Mr. Hayes and the favour they apprehend shown to Rosewell strangely contents them at present and they speak more reverently of the King, saying Rosewell's case has been truly represented to him and that he is merciful and of himself desirous justice should take place but that the truth is for the most part kept from his knowledge by men who drive on other designs. Being yesterday in a very private debate with a great Whig, who knows much of the

[1] See *State Trials*, vol. x, cols. 307–320.

[2] *Ibid.*, cols. 147–308. "This," writes Mr. Ogg, "is noteworthy as one of the few trials at which Jeffreys acted with fairness; for in face of the jury's verdict he suspended judgment, and shortly afterwards Rosewell obtained the King's pardon and was discharged." *England in the Reign of Charles II*, ii, 514.

> party, I said that I observed a great calmness amongst the Dissenting party on Rosewell's case and Hayes' success and that I wondered men who appeared all in a flame one week could be so easily quieted, when, though those two were like to escape, that made little in respect to the condition of the nation. He answered, It's true by reason they looked on Rosewell's case as so very hard. That every man might as well as he be hanged for preaching at a conventicle, if not many that preach at the parish churches, and that when an over-credulous jury had found him guilty on such infamous evidence and that by the Lord Chief Justice's law he was convicted and might have been executed. That the King should interpose. And they say his Majesty asked, What ! was so many at this conventicle and could none hear this treason but these three women ? That this great justice and mercy in the King, when they were so passionately concerned for these men's cases, extremely satisfies them at present ; yet, if once any appearance of alteration happen they will all turn at once to insist on national grievances, etc. And which more confirms this to be their humour, I observe some news from Scotland is strangely hearkened after. I perceive our London Whigs would have others begin but they would quickly be ready to lift a wheel (p. 226).

That there were those who were ready to rise when opportunity offered appears from two letters referring to projected attempts on Portsmouth, Plymouth and other towns in the West (pp. 189, 207). But Lord Plymouth, arriving at Hull, of which town he was Governor, at the beginning of 1685, wrote to Sunderland : " By the best inquiries I could make in the countries I came through I met with great sadness but, as I thought, with very peaceable intentions. The like I find here and I am informed the adjacent parts are of the same temper " (p. 278).

Of those implicated in the plots of 1683 the accounts had nearly all been settled. Monmouth, who had gone abroad early in 1684, arrived at Brussels on May 3 (apparently new style).[1] He was publicly welcomed by the Governor, the Marquis di Grana, who presented him with two horses and lent him a coach and six footmen until he should have had time to provide himself. The Duke hired a house for a twelvemonth and proceeded to furnish it richly (p. 7). A few weeks later he was at Dieren with the Prince of Orange, whose cordial reception of him earned him a rebuke from the Duke of York (p. 96). When, about the beginning of October, Monmouth joined the Prince at the Hague, the King was so disgusted with his Dutch cousin's " extraordinary carressing " of his son that he forbade the English envoy, Chudleigh, to visit the Prince and ordered him to " declare his indignation " to the States and the other foreign ministers. The Duke had been given a house which had belonged to the

[1] As stated on May 6 in a newsletter, which also records that "yesterday the Duchess of Monmouth waited on the Queen, who received her very kindly " (p. 7)

Prince's grandmother (pp. 168, 171). Shortly afterwards he was rumoured to be coming to England, though there was also a report that he intended to settle at the Hague for the winter (p. 177), and at the end of November he was said to be in London and at Whitehall (pp. 226, 227), as he actually was.[1] He returned to the Hague, however, coming from Brussels, in the first days of the new year, and again, "to the great admiration of most people," was well received by the Prince, who offered him a house and servants although, at the time of the report, "he still lodged in a public inn" (p. 273). Before the end of January he was preparing to return to Brussels in the coming spring (p. 298). His journey thither was prevented by the news of his father's death and the change in his situation which was its consequence.

As to others concerned in the conspiracy the proceedings relating to James Holloway, the West India merchant, figured prominently in the previous volume (see pp. xii, xiii). He was executed on April 30 and on May 5 a warrant was directed to the Sheriffs of London and the Keeper of Newgate for having his head and quarters carried to Bristol and another to the Mayor and Sheriffs of Bristol for causing them to be affixed on poles on the gates of that city (pp. 5, 6). Rumsey and West, the informers, made haste to vindicate themselves from the charges brought against them in his confession (pp. 18, 40). In the following month Sir Thomas Armstrong, who had been seized at Leyden on a warrant which Chudleigh had obtained from the States, was brought to the bar of the King's Bench, where Jeffreys refused him trial and condemned him to death on his outlawry, although he pleaded his ignorance of it and its invalidity on the ground that he had been out of the kingdom when it was pronounced (p. 54). The informations of West, Rumsey, Sheppard, Bourne and Lord Howard had implicated him in the conspiracy (pp. 48, 49), but the legality of Jeffreys' sentence, which was reversed after the Revolution, has been called in question.[2] Armstrong's daughter protested in court that her father was to be murdered; for which she was committed but immediately discharged (p. 55). His head was set up on the top of Westminster Hall, and three of his quarters were exhibited in London and one at Stafford (pp. 77, 78).

In December an anonymous information led the Government to suspect that a number of persons who had been involved in the conspiracy were on the point of escaping abroad in a ship bound for Cadiz, but Atterbury the messenger, despatched to

[1] Roberts, *Life of James, Duke of Monmouth*, i, 178.
[2] See *State Trials*, vol. x, cols. 105–124.

Gravesend with a search warrant, found nothing to justify any arrest (pp. 229, 231, 236).

Meanwhile the estates of those who had been found guilty were being disposed of (pp. 7, 9, 63, 120, 121, 137, 228), and the arms seized from disaffected persons were assigned to the use of the militia (pp. 26, 33, 83).

In November, 1684, John Locke, suspect on account of his association with Shaftesbury, was removed from his studentship at Christ Church (pp. 198, 203, 206, 211). He was already in Holland, where he stayed until after the Revolution.

There was no abatement in the severity with which the law was enforced against the sectaries. At the Old Bailey sessions in May there was a proclamation made for summoning all Dissenters against whom *Capiases* had been issued out of the Prerogative Court, but none put in an appearance (p. 22, *cf.* p. 305). In October about sixty persons taken at conventicles were tried at the Guildhall, convicted and fined or sent to prison in default of payment (pp. 167, 177); while in December at the Guildhall and Hicks' Hall no less than four hundred were found guilty and fined (pp. 242, 243). Sir Francis Wythens, giving the charge to the Middlesex Grand Jury in January, 1685, "told them to present such as frequent conventicles and said people should have a care how they go to conventicles, for, if the preacher should speak any treason, and if the hearers do not immediately go and declare it to one of the Secretaries or other minister of State, they will be guilty of misprision of treason" (p. 302). William Jenkyn, an ejected vicar, here described as "Jenkins, a great Nonconformist minister," was taken while preaching in Moorfields "in the habit of a countryman" and, although, according to the report, an attempt was made to bribe his captors, was carried before Sir James Edwards and committed to Newgate (p. 134); where, being over seventy and already in ill health, he shortly afterwards died (p. 293). Three other preachers who were with him and most of the congregation had made their escape, and Jenkyn, it is said, "owed his arrest to his politeness in stopping for a lady whose train blocked the stairs."[1] Edwards also imprisoned John Faldo, pastor of Plasterers' Hall in Aldermanbury, who was arrested in the street and refused to take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy (pp. 167, 168). Richard Baxter, together with two others, Franklin and Hewes, appeared at Hicks' Hall in October. Franklin and Hewes were committed, but Baxter was given time to find security (p. 171).

[1] *Dictionary of National Biography.*

On being brought to the Old Bailey in January, however, he refused the oath of allegiance, "saying he would not take any promissory oath," and was remanded to prison for trial at the next sessions (p. 293). To the case of Thomas Rosewell, with its remarkable effect upon the Whigs, reference has already been made (p. xi).

The printed word was scrutinised as carefully and, where it was found offensive to the Government, was dealt with as severely as the spoken. In May Robert Inham was brought to the King's Bench bar for publishing a scandalous libel entitled *Old Simon the King*. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded (p. 39). In the following month Francis ("Elephant") Smith, the printer of Shaftesbury's Association and other obnoxious works, stood in the pillory at the Royal Exchange (p. 80).[1] Nathaniel Thompson was tried in November for printing *The Prodigal Returned Home*, a pamphlet denying the King's supremacy in ecclesiastical affairs, and convicted on the evidence of Robert Stephens, the Messenger for the Press (p. 224). "They say," wrote Sunderland's anonymous correspondent, "it's a wonder he should be committed for printing Popish books and that the Whiggish books he has printed give the greatest offence and, it appearing that he is a mercenary fellow for any side that pays him well, the Popish books, being directly against the laws, will be made use of to punish him" (p. 187). In January warrants were issued for the apprehension of Henry Care, formerly editor of *The Weekly Pacquet of Advice from Rome* (p. 272), and several other disseminators of treason (pp. 275, 277, 280, 282, 286, 294, 296), and in the same month, after being examined by L'Estrange (p. 271), Mrs. Holmes was indicted of "setting forth a false seditious libel called *The Inquiry into and Vindication of the barbarous Murder of the late Earl of Essex* or *Vindication of the said Earl from the Scandal of murdering himself*. She pleaded not guilty and was turned over to the King's Bench (p. 297). The endeavour to fix responsibility for the story that Essex had been assassinated was extended to Holland and, on representations made through Chudleigh, the printers and booksellers of the Hague were examined by the authorities there (pp. 302, 303).

The Stationers' Company had received their new charter, "with more privileges than formerly" (p. 35). Those privileges, however, were more apparent than real. They had been obtained

[1] The libel for which Smith had been sentenced to pay a fine of 500*l.* and to stand in the pillory not only at the Royal Exchange but at Palace Yard, Westminster, and the Temple was entitled *The Raree Show*.

at the price of a sacrifice of liberty and represented a triumph for the policy not only of the Court but of Roger L'Estrange, the Surveyor or Overseer of the Press, who had long been at feud with some of the principal Stationers.[1] The dependence which the Government placed on L'Estrange at this time is illustrated by a letter which Sunderland wrote him on December 17, 1684. It signified that the King, being "given to understand that many treasonous, seditious, scandalous and schismatical libels are printed, published and dispersed in and about London," would have the Surveyor put in full execution, "for preventing or suppressing these intolerable liberties of the press," the powers of search and seizure granted him in his patent, and commanded him forthwith to "give notice to the Master of the Stationers' Company to call a court, where he is to be present, to give them notice of his Majesty's pleasure therein and also to require in his Majesty's name that they advise with him from time to time on the means of a better regulation of their Company and to meet and debate the matter as often as shall be necessary, and he is also to report from time to time his proceedings on the proposals offered by himself or by the Company" (p. 256). Sunderland also wrote to the Master and Wardens of the Company in the same sense (p. 257). Shortly afterwards the Stationers petitioned the King to appoint licensers of the press, "in such manner as was formerly set forth by a decree of Star Chamber and afterwards by a late Act of Parliament" and to prescribe such other measures for the government of the Company as might enable them to discharge their duty in suppressing obnoxious publications. The petition was referred to the Surveyor (p. 275).

L'Estrange was also busy about another matter. On May 11, 1684, Titus Oates was arrested at the suit of the Duke of York in an action of *Scandalum magnatum* and carried to the Compter, whence he was transferred to the King's Bench prison (pp. 11, 30, 44). As he refused to plead, judgment went against him by default, the jury assessing the damages at 100,000*l.* and the costs at 20*s.*[2] This was only a first instalment of the price which he was to pay for his villainies. "The discourse of an indictment for high treason being to be brought against Oates," a newswriter reported a week after the verdict in the Duke's action, "is not laid aside" (pp. 79, 80). The charge, however, was to be one not of high treason but of perjury, and in November the Attorney General moved that a day might be

[1] *Cf.* preface to previous volume, pp. xvii–xx.
[2] See *State Trials*, vol. x, cols. 125–148.

appointed for his trial in the following term (p. 221). On December 12 he was taken to the Old Bailey from the King's Bench prison, where he had been kept pending the payment of his fine, to answer an indictment of perjury (the second to be brought) which had been found against him on the previous day. He pleaded not guilty and asked for a *Certiorari*, which was granted. "Then he moved that his irons might be taken off, urging it was contrary to law, to which he was answered that an information had been given that he designed to break gaol, and so he was ordered to be kept in safe custody and, if the Marshal had done anything contrary to law, he had his action against him" (pp. 250, 251). The dates of his trials on the two indictments were eventually fixed for February 7 and February 9 respectively (p. 293). The last sentence in this Calendar, from a newsletter of February 5, states that "a motion was made that Mr. Oates might be brought up to-morrow, which is granted, provided the Marshal take care of him, his trial not being till Saturday" (p. 312). The King's death on the following morning caused the postponement of proceedings until May.

It was in preparing the case against Oates that Roger L'Estrange, of whose "scandalous pamphlets" the doctor had lately been complaining, found employment apart from his campaign against the seditious printers. For this purpose he was given the use of the documents relating to the Popish Plot, the Journal of the House of Commons, the informations and examinations, and the minute books and transactions of the secret committee of the Lords (pp. 15, 118, 197). There being a doubt that the printed reports of the trials of Ireland, Langhorne and the Jesuits were correct, he was authorised "to make inquiry after the shorthand writers of them and the writers of the copies from which they were printed and who corrected them for the press and to demand the sight and their interpretation of their original notes and papers, which it is not to be doubted they have kept for their own justification, it being of dangerous consequence for people to expose the justice of the nation in such cases and afterwards to pretend to have lost their copies" (p. 132). Information having been received concerning the "manage" of Fitzharris, Prance and others while in confinement, he was to inquire into "the practices of those that came to them and had to do with them by any unlawful and unwarrantable ways," assuring the Keepers of the prisons and those employed by them of the King's "particular favour even in case of their own failings or misdemeanours on a full and clear declaration of the truth" (p. 166). He was also to take the sworn informations of

a number of individuals, several of whom afterwards appeared in court as witnesses for the prosecution (pp. 118, 210, 230).

With the great business of the *Quo Warranto* concluded the affairs of London, apart from the charters of the Livery Companies, are less prominent in this than in previous volumes. In September it was reported that the City was to have a new charter, which had been approved by the Lord Chief Justice (p. 142). On October 6 Jeffreys held a sessions for Middlesex in the King's Bench court, where he addressed the Grand Jury, "a condescension not known" (p. 167). The markets of London were farmed to a Mr. Kilnar, formerly a silk-merchant in Milk Street, for 3,600*l.* a year (p. 177), and the Court of Aldermen met about the Orphans' money[1] and decided "to have a year's interest of what is past added to the principal and to pay the principal without any interest at 6*d.* in the pound yearly till it's paid" (p. 179). On October 29 the new Lord Mayor, Sir James Smith, was sworn at the Exchequer bar, coming "in great splendour" and afterwards dining with the barons and judges as guest of the Recorder (p. 189). The suit of Sir William Prichard against Thomas Papillon for false arrest during his mayoralty was heard at the Guildhall early in November, the plaintiff being awarded 10,000*l.* damages (p. 200).[2] On December 8, in pursuance of letters patent of September 29, the Lord Mayor, six Aldermen and the Chamberlain were granted the revenues of the City and of the London hospitals (St. Bartholomew's, Christ's, Bridewell, Bethlehem and St. Thomas's) in trust to make leases and grants for terms not exceeding 21 years or three lives (p. 240). Judge Wythens's charge to the Middlesex Grand Jury in January has already been quoted (p. xiv). Besides his animadversions on conventicles, he instructed them to "see after the innkeepers that they do not extort too much gain by oats and hay, and he also told them there was a great complaint against bawdy houses and that no presentment is at any time made against them" (p. 302).

With regard to particular institutions in or about London there are several entries of interest. The boundaries and limits of the liberties of the Tower were to be ascertained (pp. 14, 15). There had been a riot in the Middle Temple during the revels at Christmas, 1683, and the barristers and gentlemen

[1] See previous vol., p. 110.

[2] See *State Trials*, vol. x, cols. 319–372. See also *Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1683 (Jan.–June), pp. 204–215 *passim*. After the trial Papillon, who had been one of the Whig candidates in the contest for the shrievalty of London in 1682, "thought fit to abscond, as being much the safer for him." Luttrell, *Brief Relation*, i, 319.

students concerned petitioned that all suits commenced against them in the King's name might be stopped by a *Nolle prosequi* (p. 26). After reference to the Attorney General this petition was granted (p. 42). In January, 1685, however, there were once more some young Templars in custody: they were granted bail in 500*l.* apiece to appear the last day of the term and admonished "to go and make their submission to the Benchers, for there should be no such thing as keeping Christmas hereafter without leave from the Benchers" (pp. 297, 298). The congregation of the French church in the Savoy, after the assent of the Master of the Savoy had been obtained, were given permission to enlarge their church, which was much too small for their present numbers, according to a draft made by Sir Christopher Wren as Surveyor General of the Works (pp. 82, 115, 226). At the same time the Attorney General was desired to examine the charters and privileges of the congregation and propose a scheme for their better regulation (p. 83). By royal letters to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York the bishops were exhorted to contribute, and to persuade others to contribute, to the completion and endowment of Chelsea Hospital (p. 209). On the morning of December 10 "several young gentlemen, who are scholars at St. Paul's School, having their Master with them, waited on his Royal Highness, where Lord Dartmouth's son presented him with a paper of their thanks for getting them a play day with their hearty prayers for the prosperity of his Majesty and the royal family, which his Royal Highness received very kindly and gave orders to their Master to be very careful to teach them their duty to the Church and Crown" (p. 248). John Osborne and others complained to the Governors of the Charterhouse that their tenants in Bartholomew fair, notwithstanding the Governors' order to the contrary, had continued to hold raffles and lotteries to the prejudice of the loyal indigent officers to whom the King had granted the sole use of lotteries, and that when the writers had proceeded against the offenders before the Lord Mayor, the clerk of the hospital (though he had been paid for drawing up the order cited) had appeared against them, to the great disadvantage of their cause (p. 269). The Duke of Albemarle was granted a market twice weekly and two yearly fairs at Rotherhithe and a ferry across the Thames between Rotherhithe and Ratcliff Cross (p. 206).

In Scotland there were several noteworthy changes in the higher offices of State. On June 13 the Earl of Aberdeen, who was considered not to have displayed sufficient severity, was succeeded

as Chancellor by the Earl of Perth, among whose distinctions is to have introduced the thumbscrew into the machinery of Scots legal procedure; the Earl of Linlithgow succeeded Perth as Justice General; and a new Privy Council was nominated (pp. 52, 53). When Middleton was transferred to Whitehall, John Drummond of Lundin, Perth's brother and hitherto Treasurer Deput, was appointed Secretary of State (p. 145); while the Earl of Kintore became Treasurer Deput (p. 243). On November 3 Queensberry, the Treasurer Principal, was granted the dukedom which he had long coveted (p. 195).

The policy of the Crown was prosecuted with greater rigour even than in England. On June 14 additional instructions were sent to the secret committee of the Privy Council which had been created in the previous November (p. 55, *cf.* previous vol., p. 111); and they were largely concerned with enforcing the law against rebels and suspects. Among other things they provided for the raising of a force in the northern shires and the Highlands "for preventing and suppressing commotions," to be maintained out of Fife and the other southern and western shires, where committees were to be appointed. As in the previous year a commission selected from members of the Privy Council was also sent into the southern and western shires to hold circuit courts of justiciary (pp. 125, 149), and its activities proved so successful that similar bodies were subsequently ordered to be despatched into Fife and Kinross, the Lothians and the country between Spey and Ness (p. 249). Two new troops, to be commanded respectively by the Earl of Drumlanrig and Lord William Douglas, were added to the regiment of horse commanded by John Graham of Claverhouse (pp. 62, 234). Elaborate "renewed and additional instructions" were sent to the Mustermaster General (p. 200).

One clause in the instructions to the secret committee directed the disarming of all disaffected persons in the shires of Argyll and Tarbat and the demolition of such castles and strong houses there as had belonged to the late Earl of Argyll and had not been garrisoned. Accordingly a commission was sent to the Marquess of Atholl to be lieutenant in those shires with the necessary powers, and detailed instructions, naming particular persons to be apprehended, accompanied the commission (p. 104). The disposition of the forfeited estates of Argyll, as of lesser fines and forfeitures, were among the subjects of instructions sent to the Treasurer Principal and Treasurer Deput (p. 56) at the same time as those to the secret committee, and also of several subsequent warrants (pp. 58–60, 69–72).

On June 16 the King wrote to the Lord Provost and

magistrates of Edinburgh "thanking them for their great care and diligence in suppressing irregularities and disorders, especially those occasioned by the Fanatics and such as privately favour them in the prosecution of their factious and seditious designs" (p. 63).

A paper from Edinburgh dated September 17 contains a good deal of information about those who had been made prisoners as concerned in the conspiracy; some of whom have figured more largely in earlier volumes of this Calendar. The Earl of Tarras had just been taken and was in Edinburgh Castle. "A judicious gentlemen told me . . . that in all probability he will lose his head . . . and that within a short time." [1] James Murray of Philiphaugh and Hugh Scott of Galashiels were in the Tolbooth. The former had proclaimed his loyalty, and that of his family, "but afterwards tripped in one word, for which and denying to inform what he knew of the plot he was threatened with torture and the boots laid before him, which much damped him." [2] Campbell of Ardkinglas, Gordon of Earlstoun, Commissary Monro and some others had been removed from the Tolbooth to Blackness Castle, that there might be room for others in the Tolbooth, "where there is a great throng and the rooms unwholesome by the throng." The two Campbells of Cessnock had been sent to the Bass. Spence and Carstairs had confessed under torture, Monro [3] and Ardkinglas without that persuasion, but their revelations were being kept very secret. The Earl of Haddington was reported to have been sent to the Castle. On the previous Tuesday all the town ports had been closed for ten hours, while the Bishop of Edinburgh, the ministers and elders were convened by the Council to delate disorderly persons that kept not church. "The ministers got it waived, but the elders were deeply sworn to be faithful in the delation and were sent with soldiers to apprehend several inhabitants," of whom some escaped but twelve or fourteen were taken and imprisoned (p. 148, *cf.* p. 152).

Meanwhile at Berwick and across the Border a sharp lookout was being kept for fugitives. Many were seized, among them Patrick Muir, a brother of Sir William Muir of Rowallan, already a prisoner (p. 155, *cf.* pp. 178, 182, 188, 194). The premature release of Andrew Riddell and John Henderson by the magistrates

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[1] Tarras was condemned to death on January 15, 1685 (*State Trials*, vol. x, cols. 1065–80) but pardoned "in consideration of his great penitence." See below, p. 303.

[2] Remission of treason and all other crimes was granted to both Philiphaugh and Galashiels on September 27 (p. 156).

[3] After his confession Monro attempted suicide (p. 167). Both he and Spence were granted remission on December 29 (p. 267).

of Northumberland was the occasion of a considerable correspondence (pp. 160–217 *passim*).

The publication on October 28 of James Renwick's Apologetical Declaration and Admonitory Vindication—that "villainous rebellious declaration" put out by "a mad fanatical sort of people," as Sunderland called it (p. 225)—was a signal for still greater activity on the part of the Government. On November 24 the King wrote to the Lords of the Council approving the methods which they had adopted or should adopt "towards the utter extirpation of the said bloody and irreclaimable rebels"—"the few rebels yet remaining in Scotland," who, in the words of the preamble of this royal letter, "despairing of any further security or maintenance there, join themselves in little troops so as to force a shelter and means of subsistence from our good people and, that they may be more secure from discoveries, hide themselves in mountainous and boggy places or walk without arms as peaceable subjects, having also lately arrived at that height of boldness as by a statute of their pretended General Assembly to declare a pretended war against us and all who own us and our authority, whereby they most impiously conclude that they are bound in duty to murder us and them as they can have any opportunity, which they take by convocating secretly in the night, assassinating our good people, where they can overpower them, and particularly of late some soldiers, whom they murdered in a most barbarous manner" (p. 219). To frustrate the designs of the rebels the Council had drawn up an oath of abjuration to be administered to all inhabitants of the disaffected districts. Those who refused it were to be "killed by military execution." Those who took it were to receive a certificate, without which they were not to travel from their homes under pain of being held guilty of subscribing to the declaration (*cf.* p. 285). Concerning the well-known activities of Claverhouse in this connection not much is here recorded, but a newsletter of December 13 mentions the imposition of heavy fines on a number of persons convicted of corresponding with the rebels, that on Maxwell of Pollock amounting to 8,000*l.* (p. 251), and one of January 15 the capture of several rebel who had fixed up the declaration (p. 287).

On January 29, 1685, the day on which Tarras received his pardon, warrants were issued for the pursuit of Sir William Scott younger of Harden and that inveterate plotter, Robert Ferguson (p. 303).

On August 20, 1684, the Parliament of Scotland, already adjourned until September 9, was further adjourned until

March 10 (p. 125). Of his determination that it should actually meet on that date the King apprised the secret committee of the Privy Council on November 8, entrusting them with a letter in the same sense to the Privy Council at large which they were not to deliver until they should think fit to make this intention public (p. 204). The Duke of York as High Commissioner was to go to Edinburgh in February, and to stay there for three weeks (p. 247); and on December 24 the King wrote to the Chancellor and Privy Council that since his brother could not stay in Scotland so long nor was it fit to keep the members of the Parliament so long together that sixty days might run from their first meeting before the processes to be raised against those accessory to the late conspiracy and other crimes of treason could come in, the Lord Advocate was to raise processes immediately and the Privy Council was to pursue them in the ordinary form, a summons being raised under the quarter seal and another in the forms usually observed in parliaments (p. 265). Early in January arrangements began to be made for the Duke's reception. Holyrood House was to be prepared, repaired and vacated for his reception, only Perth and Queensberry being allowed to retain their lodgings there (pp. 276, 277). New liveries were to be provided for the trumpeters and kettle-drummer of the troop of Guard and for the ordinary trumpeters, and the kettle-drummer was also to have a new pair of drums (p. 279). These preparations were rendered abortive by the King's death.

The affairs of Ireland play no great part in this volume. Ormonde's long tenure of the lord-lieutenancy came to an end in October, and Rochester, glad to relinquish the office which had been thrust upon him (*see above*, p. vi), was appointed his successor. His patent contained a significant new clause: *concessione et dispositione omnium commissionum officiariis exercitus nostri in dicto regno salva semper nobis et omnino reservata* (p. 265).

Detailed instructions to the Commissioners for the remedy of defective titles were issued on May 13 (p. 16) and additions made to them in August (p. 114). A grant of strand lands, marshlands, slobs and such other lands all round the coast as might be recovered from the sea was made to Henry Slingesby (p. 78).

On August 4 a warrant was sent to the Lord Lieutenant for seizing rebels escaped to Ireland from Scotland and for sending them back to that country to be dealt with by the Privy Council (p. 114), and after the appearance of the Apologetical Declaration

a good deal of correspondence on this subject and on the rebellion which the Scots fugitives were believed to be fomenting in Ireland passed between Dublin and Whitehall (pp. 211, 225, 246, 257, 261, 262, 265, 272).

The rebuilding of Dublin Castle was the subject of a warrant dated June 24. The buildings occupied by the Chief Governor had lately been burned, and the old walls of the castle were very ruinous and decayed, "and also so high that the air within is not so healthful nor the habitation therein so pleasant as it might be otherwise." The walls and so many of the towers as should be thought fit were therefore to be taken down and new buildings erected according to a model approved by the King, "the same to be still and for ever called Dublin Castle" (p. 103). "The castle, where I make a very uneasy and unpleasant shift to lodge and eat," Ormonde told Sunderland in September, "will not be sufferable or indeed possible even until a new house shall be building and the only expedient I can find is that his Majesty will be at 1,000*l.* charge for an addition to a little lodge about two miles off, whence the Chief Governor may come to church and Council with less inconvenience than he can live anywhere in town" (p. 136).

By a warrant of June 14 the city of Londonderry was granted a guild of the staple, two additional fairs, and the modification of an inconvenient clause in their charter which made it necessary that the Recorder as well as the Mayor should be present at sessions (p. 61).

There are a number of entries interesting to the student of colonial history. Proceedings having been started against the Bermudas Company on a *Quo warranto*, the company petitioned for their stay. The Attorney General, however, was directed to demand judgment but, when it had been given, to forbear entering it until further order (p. 51). In the event the rights of the company were assumed by the Crown, and on December 10 the offices of Provost Marshal General or Sheriff, Secretary of the islands, Secretary to the Governor and Council, and Clerk of the Assembly were erected and all granted to John Tucker during pleasure (p. 245).

The Attorney General was also directed to proceed with all expedition in the prosecution against the charter of the Massachusetts (p. 51), which in October, 1684, was adjudged to have been forfeited; the territory being merged, with New York, East and West New Jersey, Rhode Island and eventually Connecticut, in the Crown colony of New England.

On August 22 the Earl of Perth, Sir George Mackenzie and John Drummond wrote to Sunderland protesting against the violation by William Penn of their rights in East New Jersey, "Master Penn's interest prevailing with him more than the unconcernedness in the world pretended to so much by him" (p. 126).

On August 4 a warrant was issued to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex relating to the transportation of convicts to St. Christopher's (p. 111), and on November 24 there was one to the Privy Council of Scotland arranging for the shipment of "idle or vagrant persons and other criminals troublesome to the government" from that country to Barbados (p. 220).

The captains of the convoys going to Newfoundland were to give a more sufficient account of the state of the fishery and inhabitants there than they had done for the last three years (p. 34).

On November 13 a petition from the consul and merchants in the Canary Islands, complaining of exactions by the farmers of the customs there in contravention of the treaty of commerce between England and Spain, was referred to the Committee for Trade (p. 208).

A newsletter of December 9 mentions a report brought by an East India merchantman of a revolt at Bombay (p. 242), a reference, presumably, to Robert Keigwin's mutiny in the previous year.

To projects of a practical, mechanical or scientific nature Charles II was always sympathetic. Thus in furtherance of a survey of the coasts of Great Britain undertaken by his hydrographer, Captain Greenvile Collins, he recommended his subjects of rank or of official or intellectual standing, "and particularly the officers of the Navy and traders and navigators," to encourage the enterprise with their subscriptions and assistance (p. 21). The results of Collins's labours were published in 1693 as *Great Britain's Coasting Pilot*.

The Earl of Gainsborough put forward a scheme for conveying water from the springs of Hampstead to London and the suburbs and with due safeguards a licence was granted him to carry it out, "and for that purpose to set up engines and instruments and to dig and break up the earth and pavements . . . of any of the King's highways and grounds." A rent not exceeding one-third of the clear yearly profit of the undertaking was reserved to the Crown, but the earl subsequently petitioned for a more exact assessment of his contingent liabilities (pp. 77, 111, 231).

To the Earl of Rochester, as Keeper of the New Park near Richmond, a warrant was granted "approving of his having caused for the better support of the deer there several drains and water courses to be cleansed, new grates to be made and divers old ones repaired as also some timber trees to be cut down for erecting four new Dutch barns and some underwood or young poles to be drawn out of the underwood to be cut down, where they grew too thick and where two or three grew out of one root, that so not only the others might thrive better but the ground be drained and meliorated by the benefit of the sun and air, whereby the grass will become much sweeter," and empowering him, when he should think it necessary, "to cause any bushes, dottard, pollard or other trees to be cut down, the thick covert of furzes to be grubbed up, the brakes and fern to be mowed, the walls to be mended, the lodges to be repaired and new ones built" and other repairs and improvements to be made; the King not doubting that thus the park, "so near the royal palace and abode," would be made "more beautiful and useful" (p. 85).

A patent of his inventions, in extension of one of 1671, was granted to John Dwight, "who has set up at Fulham several new manufactures of earthen ware called white gorges, marble porcelain vessels, statues and figures and fine stone gorges, and has discovered the mystery of transparent porcelain and opaceous red and dark coloured porcelain on China and Persian wares and the mystery of the Cologne or stone wares and is endeavouring to settle the manufactures of all the said wares in England" (p. 24). It may be noted that in the view of modern experts the use of the word "porcelain" is here inaccurate, and that what Dwight had succeeded in producing was "in reality a fine stoneware, almost white, and translucent in its thinner parts."[1] His is, however, an important name in the history of English ceramics.

Other patents granted during this period were:—to John Clignet of Limerick for "a new device or engine much like a calash with two or more wheels, wherein one or more may travel with great ease and safety, in which two particulars it differs much from any coach or calash hitherto invented" (p. 46); to James Delabadie for an engine for beautifying cloths, friezes and other woollen manufactures (p. 100); to Christopher Jackson of Ryther for a mill either for wind or water which would dissolve, whiten and grind rags and prepare all other materials for making paper and pasteboard (p. 107); to John Skin of London for an

[1] *British Museum: Guide to the English Pottery and Porcelain* (2nd ed.), p. 41.

invention for casting worms for alembics and stills in tin and copper without the help of the hammer (p. 107); to Henry Howard and Richard Bret for an invention for smelting copper and tin ore with sea or pit coal (p. 110); to Thomas Moore of Loftus for an invention for making better and cheaper alum and "a curious crystalline alum or alum glass and preparations of alum with other matters with medicinal, chirurgical, metallic and mineral improvements" (p. 126); to Joshua Haskins of London for an invention of beautifying cloth and other stuffs "by impressing thereon certain indented lines or creases and thereby watering, damasking and flowering the same" (p. 133); to Nathan Heckford for vanes for windmills, etc., "to go the horizontal way" (p. 197); and to John Bellingham, one of the grooms of the Privy Chamber, for an invention "for making square window glass for sashes and coaches excelling the Normandy for strength and clearness" (p. 273). Peter Azil and James Tiffaine received a licence to build a watermill for making gunpowder, "they having great skill in the said art and having long practised it in parts beyond the seas" (p. 294).

To the annals of the art of painting this volume contributes two interesting documents. On June 30 Antonio Verrio, who had been employed for some years on the decoration of Windsor Castle, was appointed the King's chief painter with a salary of 200*l.* and such rights and privileges as had been enjoyed by Sir Peter Lely (p. 83). A warrant to the Lord Steward and the Board of Green Cloth is concerned with the affairs of another Court painter, Samuel Cooper the miniaturist, who had died in 1672. To Cooper's widow were due large arrears of her own and her husband's pensions of 200*l.* a year. These, in consideration of the payment, as from Christmas, 1682, of 100*l.* a year for her life, she consented to discharge, and also to deliver to the King eight of Cooper's "excellent and extraordinary pictures or pieces of limning"—alternatively described as "choice and rare"—"of a considerable value to be sold" (p. 279).

As to literature and kindred matters, apart from the polemical publications to which reference has already been made, a few points may be noted. An account of "the state of Bible printing as it has been of late and is now in England," and of the abuses connected therewith, is enclosed in a letter from the Bishop of Oxford to Sir Leoline Jenkins (p. 67). This was a subject which had lately been causing the University a good deal of anxiety (*cf.* p. 5 and previous vol., p. xvii).

The Earl of Burlington sent Sunderland a printed paper by George Fox, the Quaker, who was at this time in prison, addressed to " the Chief Magistrate, Rulers, Ministers, Justices and other Officers who profess Christ and Christianity and are called Christians " (p. 299).

Within a month of the end of the reign Sir William Temple was writing to Sunderland from his retirement at Sheen about a new book which rumour was attributing to him. What troubled him was that he had heard that the Duke had asserted and the King was inclined to believe in his authorship ; for when he was put out of the Council he had told the latter that he would never again meddle in public business. " And since this I have passed four years at home without any other design than forgetting all public thoughts and being forgotten ever to have had them. I am sure I should sooner have thought of writing almanacks than any such books as this which passes for mine, for I take writing to be as much meddling in public affairs as any other sort of acting in them " (p. 283). It seems not altogether improbable that the book in question was the famous *Character of a Trimmer*, which Halifax appears to have written and put into circulation about this time, although it was not printed until 1688.

In August Joannes Segeri Weidenfeld was granted the copyright for fourteen years of his tract *De Secretis Adeptorum*, which he had composed with much study and great expense " (p. 123).

On the morning of February 2 the King was seized with an apoplexy, and on the evening of that day circular letters from the Secretaries of State were despatched to the Lords Lieutenant of the counties, the Lieutenancy of London and the Mayors of the seaport boroughs. Hopes that all danger was past, based on the reports of the physicians, were expressed in these, but it was enjoined that all necessary steps for the prevention of disorders were to be taken, that no ships should be allowed to sail, and that travellers from beyond the seas should be detained at their ports of arrival. On the 3rd Charles was apparently so much better that the physicians reported him to the Privy Council to be in a condition of safety ; and the embargo on the despatch of inland and Irish, though not of foreign, letters was lifted. Still more favourable accounts of the royal illness, which is described in detail in current newsletters, were sent to the Lord Mayor on the mornings of the 4th and 5th (pp. 307–312). But before noon on February 6 the King was dead.

A feature of the present volume is the number of newsletters which it contains. For a period of just over nine months there are exactly fifty; whereas in the three previous volumes, which together cover sixteen months, there are but fourteen in all. Although the accuracy of these documents cannot always be taken for granted, their frequency considerably enhances the value of the Calendar as a source of information not only for domestic but also for foreign affairs.

The documents calendared in this volume are included in the bundles and volumes here listed :—

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„ 85, „ 13. *For* Leotine *read* Leoline.
„ 104, „ 11 from bottom. *For* Otter Barbreck *read* Otter, Barbreck.
„ 120, „ 17. *For* to the lieut.-colonel *read* to be lieut.-colonel.
„ 139, „ 31. *For* Governor *read* Governors.
„ 167, „ 27. *For* Turks *read* Turks' *and delete* comma.
„ 171, „ 11. *For* Fosdyke *read* Sossdick.
„ 208, „ 1. *After* Attorney General *insert* of the petition.
„ 217, „ 3 from bottom. *For* Ely *read* Winchester.
„ 234, „ 19. *After* raised *insert* under the command of Lord William Douglas.
„ 234, „ 20. *Delete* under the command of Lord William Douglas.
„ 257, „ 23. *After* Boyne *insert* [not named in the warrant itself].
„ 257, „ 9 from bottom. *For* Gavin *read* Gawen.
„ 268, „ 2. *For* Glasgow *read* Edinburgh.
„ 270, „ 15. *For* Bohme *read* Bohine.
„ 270, „ 4 from bottom. *Before* Henry *insert* Sieur.
„ 277, „ 7. *For* Nathaniel *read* Richard.
„ 281, „ 5 from bottom. *After* new *insert* [*sic*].

ADDENDUM

1684, Dec. 12. Warrant for a reprieve for Thomas Montgomery, barrister of the Middle Temple, found guilty at the Old Bailey sessions of the killing of Walter Norborne. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, p. 370.]

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OF
DOMESTIC STATE PAPERS.
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May 1. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of the Countess Dowager of Yarmouth praying that such a grant may be passed to her as was passed to the present Earl of Lindsey of one moiety of the ancient duty of heriots and reliefs for collecting and paying the other moiety to his Majesty, being very chargeable to collect, his lordship having resigned his interest therein to her. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 350.]

May 1. Windsor. Commissions to William Smith to be lieutenant and to John Foster to be ensign to Capt. Charles Middleton in the first regiment of Foot Guards. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 110.]

May 1. Windsor. Commission to James Man to be ensign to Capt. George Littleton's company in the Duke of York's regiment. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 111.]

May 1. List of the officers in the Royal regiment of foot. (Printed in Dalton, *English Army Lists, Vol. I, p.* 318, where "Gawen" should be "Gaven," "Ball" "Bell" and "Robert Car" "Henry Car.") [1½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 118.]

May 1–9. List of the officers of the Queen's regiment of foot. (Printed in Dalton, *Vol. I, p.* 320.) (The commissions of this and the next regiment are of various dates from 1 to 9 May.) [*Ibid. p.* 120.]

May 1–9. List of the officers in the Duchess of York's regiment. (Printed in Dalton, *Vol. I, p.* 323.) [*Ibid. p.* 121.]

May 1. Windsor Castle. Commissions to George, Lord Livingstoun, to be captain in place of James, Marquess of Montrose, lately deceased, of the lifeguard of Horse and to David Hay, second son to the Earl of Tweeddale, to be lieutenant of Lord Livingstoun's troop. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *pp.* 354, 355.]

May 1. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a protection in the new form to Henry Murray of Lochlan for two years. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 356.]

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[May ?] Edward Hughes, commissary of the musters in the late garrison of Tangier, to the King. Petition stating that about three years ago, being defamed by Sir John Mordaunt, he brought an action against him at Tangier and recovered 50*l.* damages, from which Sir John appealed and 4 Nov., 1681, obtained an order in Council that the Attorney General's report and papers therewith should be transmitted to the Recorder of Tangier and proceedings be stayed in the mean time, who within three weeks after sight returned his answer, which 25 Aug., 1683, was presented to his Majesty in Council and it was then referred to the Commissioners for Tangier, where it has rested ever since, and, inasmuch as Sir John had but eight months granted him to make his appeal and it is now above two years, praying an order to the late Mayor, Recorder and Town Clerk of Tangier to pay to the petitioner the 50*l.* in Court and that Sir John be ordered to pay the petitioner the charges he has been unreasonably put to since the said appeal. *On the back,*

May 2. Hampton Court. Reference thereof to the Committee for Trade. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 437, *No.* 128.]

May 2. Hampton Court. The King to Sir Henry Palmer, Sir John Tufton, Sir Anthony Aucher, Sir Francis Clark, John Boys and William Rooke. After reciting that by the death of Anthony Woolrich the vicarage of East Church in the Isle of Sheppey is void and in their disposal, by virtue of letters patent dated 26 July, 1677, granting the trust of the said vicarage to twelve persons, of whom they are the surviving trustees, especially recommending James Jeffreys, D.D., chaplain to the Duke of York, to be by them presented to the said vicarage. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 142.] *Annexed,*

Opinion of Henry Pollexfen. 1. *The advowson is jointly granted and does not by the death of any of the grantees descend to their heirs, nor have the heirs any right or interest but the interest and right is in the survivors.* 2. *If there be six survivors in them is the right of patronage and estate jointly but, if these six will not agree in the presentment, but one present one clerk and the others another, the Ordinary may elect and give institution to which clerk he pleases, and the clerk so elected, instituted and inducted is rightful incumbent, though presented by only one of the joint patrons, as if by all, for, the presentment being to be free without profit, the act of one is as the act of the rest and does not displace or disturb the church or the right of presentation. April* 29, 1684. [*Ibid. p.* 143.]

May 3. Windsor. Commission to David Clark to be first lieutenant to Capt. Robert Dowglas. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 125.]

May 3. Windsor. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber for payment to Isaac Cotton, appointed one of the messengers on the surrender

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of Charles Mansell, of his salary from Lady Day, 1680, in the same terms *mutatis mutandis* as in George Collins' warrant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 118.]

May 3. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant after reciting the petition of Lady Frances Keightley and Thomas Keightley and the reports of the Lords of the Treasury (both calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1110) for a grant to them of an additional pension of 200*l. per annum* so that their present pension of 200*l. per annum* may be made up to 400*l. per annum*, to take effect only on the first vacancy in the list of pensions by death or otherwise, with a proviso that the value of any pensions not amounting to 200*l.* which may fall void before there shall be a vacancy for the whole sum be applied to them in part till the whole 200*l. per annum* be completed. [*Nearly* 2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 288.]

May 4. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Dr. Thomas Laurence praying that, having been these 22 years physician to the garrison of Tangier, he may share proportionably with the rest of the Tangier officers his Majesty's grace and bounty, his Majesty retaining a gracious sense of his good services. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 350.]

May 4. Windsor. Approval by his Majesty of the prefixed report of the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Letitia Kennedy and Katherine Holdenby, daughters of William Knollys of Rotherfield Park (which report is calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Papers, Vol. VII, p.* 1109), and direction that the same be transmitted back to the Lords of the Treasury to give order for such a grant as is desired. [3½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 351.]

May 4. Windsor. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, for forthwith delivering to William Harbord, Surveyor General, or such as he shall appoint, all surveys and other writings in his custody or that of the under officers of the Duchy concerning the Forest or Chase of Needwood and the honour and manor of Tudbury and the entries or copies of all grants or leases now in being of any part of the premises with the late warrant in order to a grant to be made of the said honour and manor and the proposal, petition, reference and report relating to that matter and the particulars he has caused to be made with the rates thereon touching the same, to the end that the said Surveyor General may be enabled to give his opinion of the true valuation of the whole as commanded by warrants of February and March last. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 20.]

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May 4. Windsor. The King to the Aldermen and Corporation of Denbigh. Requiring them to swear and admit to be their Recorder Sir Richard Myddelton, whom the King has appointed in the place of Sir John Salusbury, deceased. [*Ibid. p.* 21.]

May 4. Windsor. Commissions to Capt. Rupert Dudley to be captain of the company whereof Capt. Street was captain, to —— Huet to be lieutenant and to Henry Winde to be ensign in Capt. Charles Cotton's company and to George With to be ensign in the Earl of Craven's own company, all in the Coldstream regiment of Guards commanded by the Earl of Craven. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 109.]

[May ?] Jane Oborne to the King. Petition for a pardon to her husband Edward Oborne of Mells, Somerset, who about ten years ago fell into the company of some clippers who were lately discovered by two informers, who accused him as one of their confederates, whereupon he fled beyond the seas, leaving the petitioner with six small children in a helpless condition. He was never before accused of any crime, but always behaved like a good subject and in Sir George Booth's rising gave early marks of his loyalty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 437, *No.* 129.] *Annexed,*

Certificate by Lord Fitz-Hardinge, Sir George Horner and others to [*? Sir Leoline Jenkins*] *in favour of Oborne. In Sir G. Booth's rising he showed his readiness to serve his Majesty, for which he was threatened with death and suffered the punishment of being tied neck and heels with lighted matches between his fingers, which could not force from him a discovery of the loyal youths then engaged with him. During the late Fanatic rage he was always a frequenter of the church and a zealous asserter of its public liturgy and government. They request him to introduce his wife to his Majesty's presence and to implore his favour for her. With note by the Bishop of Bath and Wells that he has heard very much of this person's loyalty.* [*Ibid. No.* 129 I.]

May 5. Windsor. Reference of the above to the Attorney or Solicitor General. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 351.]

May 5. The Bishop of Oxford to Sir Leoline Jenkins. After I saw you in London I by chance met Sir George Pudsey in Fleet Street, who, I presume, will be intent to get out the city of Oxford's new charter and may not much regard the late decree of the Council if by any means he can gain his point. It would therefore be well that Mr. Attorney were reminded of his promise that, before the charter were engrossed, you and our friends should have a sight of it. I have also lately received a letter from Lord Abingdon, expressing a great concern that something should be done for the town, he having pawned his honour to

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them that he would get some accession in the new charter. He will be content with the two particulars of having eight Aldermen without any pretence to their being Justices and having four fairs for so many days in the year to be held not before the theatre but in Broken Haies and Thames Street near High Bridge. Whether he should be gratified in these points or made our perpetual enemy, be pleased to determine. What I am concerned for in the University's behalf is that the clause for securing the night walk and the salvo for all our privileges drawn up by Dr. Wallis may be inserted in the charter. Not knowing whether you have the draft by you, I enclose it. When I waited on the Lord Keeper with Mr. Justice Holloway, I endeavoured to lay before him the great importance of the University's having the peaceable exercise of the night walk and proposed the expedient of having the regulation of it as stated in the decree of 10 Jac. entered into the city's new charter. He seemed to like the proposal and I think the words are so drawn that no just exception can be taken at them. The University to-day seal in convocation their answer to the King's printers' bill. All we desire is to come to a fair trial at law and shall sit down by it. I heartily wish you all the satisfactions of your retirement and advantage of health. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 437, *No.* 130.] *Enclosed,*

The said salvo of the privileges of the University and the clause about the night watches. [*Latin. Ibid. No.* 130 I.]

A draft of the above clause. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

May 5. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the Cordwainers' Company of London for a pardon of what is past and for the acceptance of their submission and for a grant of their former privileges and immunities with such regulations for the government of their company as his Majesty shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 349.]

May 5. Like references of the like petitions of the Company of Tilers and Bricklayers of London and of the Company of Framework Knitters of London. Minutes. [*Ibid.*]

May 5. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir Charles Holt. His Majesty commands me to send you the enclosed and would have you take the first opportunity to pursue the directions sent you and return an account of it as soon as you can. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 96.]

May 5. Windsor. Warrant for the denization of John Clyat of Ipswich. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 22.]

May 5. Windsor. Warrant to the Mayor and Sheriffs of Bristol for causing the head and quarters of James Holloway, lately executed for high treason, which have been directed to be carried thither and

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delivered to them, to be affixed on poles on the gates of the said city. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 116.]

May 5. Windsor. Warrant to the Sheriffs of London and the Keeper of Newgate for forthwith giving order for carrying the head and quarters of James Holloway to Bristol to be delivered to the Mayor or Sheriffs there. [*Ibid.*]

May 5. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant, after reciting the report of the Lords of the Treasury dated 22 April, 1684, and the documents prefixed thereto (all calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1102), for a grant to John Browne and his heirs of the fishings of the river of Galway, of the water or river in or near Wine Island and of the rivers of Killf[r]ee *alias* Gulamore, Mayne, Sligo and Darrus in Connaught formerly granted to Sir George Preston and his heirs (saving to him and them the right to the fishings granted him) and purchased by the said Browne from the said Sir George Preston's assignees, and also of the salmon fishing in the river of Ashleale in the barony of Baryishoole, Mayo, and the salmon fishing of Cahernemart Park and Carhowbegg in the barony of Murisk in the same county and the salmon fishing of Bundoragh *alias* Duarty in the same barony and county and the fishing of the river of Escagh, co. Sligo, under the rent of 5*l. per annum* over and above all yearly rents now payable thereout. [5 *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 283.]

May 6. Whitehall. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Some days since arrived here Lord Lansdowne from Holland, where he will return again speedily if there be not a peace, the King having given him leave to spend this campaign in the Prince of Orange's army, who has been kind to him and given him hopes of the first regiment of the King's subjects in the service of the States. He applied for the late Earl of Ossory's regiment, but was told that Col. Sidney had a commission for it.

The quarters of Holloway, that was executed last Wednesday, are ordered to be carried down to Bristol and put on the gates there.

The Countess of Ossory was brought to bed at Hampton Court of a daughter, where she now lies in.

Sir Gabriel Silvius, that came from Holland, was last Sunday in private conference with his Majesty for some time. Many are of opinion that the business of Luxemburg will bring the Hollanders into a war, the Spaniards resolving not to part [with it] but by force, as you may see by the heads of the Spanish Ambassador's memorial delivered to the States the 7th instant in answer to one of the French Ambassador's.

Her Royal Highness has been indisposed and, 'tis feared, may

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have miscarried. The Duke came yesterday morning from Windsor on purpose to see her.

Flanders letters of the 9th advise that the Duke of Monmouth arrived at Brussels the 3rd instant with three or four servants, was received publicly by the Marquis de Grana with a great deal of respect and brought to Court in his coach and complimented by all the gentlemen and presented with two Spanish horses by his Excellency and, till his own coach and furniture be ready, the Marquis lends him his and six footmen to wait on him. He has taken a house for a twelvemonth and is furnishing it very richly.

The 8th the French opened their trenches before Luxemburg and played on it from a battery of 36 guns.

Letters from Windsor of the 5th say that several Companies have come and surrendered their charters, among others the Framework Knitters.

Yesterday the Duchess of Monmouth waited on the Queen, who received her very kindly.

New commissions are issuing for re-establishing and continuing in the King's service the three regiments that came from Tangier. Col. Kirke's is to be called the Queen's, Lord Dumbarton's the King's and Col. Trelawney's the Duchess'.

Capt. Street being turned out of Lord Craven's regiment for making false musters, his Majesty has given that company to Dudley Bart, natural son to Prince Rupert.

His Majesty has given the estate of Nelthorpe, one of the conspirators, in the bishopric of Durham, to Mr. Arden.

The French Ambassador having acquainted the States that the King, his master, could not make good those offers made by him 17 Feb., but, since they are more desirous of a truce than a peace, he leaves it to their choice to accept either on those terms he offered 29 April, viz., the giving up of Luxemburg, etc., to which he requires their speedy answer, they being the terms he cannot recede from—to this memorial the Spanish Envoy made a very sharp memorial, in which he is very angry with the States and demands whether the French makes war on them or the Spanish Netherlands and whether they have power from Spain to agree with France, since he gives them the choice of peace or war, and in plain terms tells them they use not his master like an ally but like a pupil, then presses them to make good their treaties, answering them that his master will never comply with France on the terms proposed.

Mr. Cawdron moved this day for an arrest of judgment and, being called into court, he came two hours after and was committed to the Marshal's custody. Mr. Kid by a former motion having obtained proceedings to stop against him [in] the spiritual court, the Attorney General moved against him this day and the court declared their intention that proceedings as to the bond Kid gave should be stopped, but that any other proceedings

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against him should [go on]. [3 *pages. Damaged. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 81.]

May 8. Windsor. Warrant to Lord Dartmouth, Master General of the Ordnance, for the delivery to Capt. Wren, commander of the *Centurion*, of 100 barrels of powder, to be paid to the Alcayde Ali Ben Abdallah in consideration of the redemption of—McDonnell and — Chiver and five other captives belonging to the *Greyhound*, who were taken off Sallee at the burning of a Sallee man-of-war, and likewise of 242 muskets, barrels and locks of the size usually sent to the Moors, being the remaining part of a present to the King of Morocco according to former treaties. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 109.]

May 9. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Chief Justice. The King, having been acquainted with the enclosed paper relating to the East India Company, has commanded me to transmit it to you, and he would have you show them all the favour you can so far as may be consistent with the law and the practice of the Court and, if you think fit, you may send for the Attorney General to attend you in it as proposed in the said paper. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 96.]

May 10. Windsor. Warrant for a grant to Richard Thompson, Chaplain in Ordinary to the King and a prebendary of Bristol cathedral, of the deanery thereof void by the death of Samuel Crosman, the late Dean. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 144.]

May 10. Windsor. Warrant to Sir Thomas Jenner, Recorder of London, after reciting that Daniel Macartie, William Napier, Charles Parry, William March and John Attwood, having been convicted of high treason for being Popish priests, have lain in Newgate for many years and have lately besought a pardon with condition of transportation, and that the continuance of such persons in the said prison is very inconvenient to other prisoners and to persons resorting to the said prison; for inserting the said priests in the next general pardon for poor convicts of Newgate with condition that they shall within six months depart out of the King's dominions and never return, with a proviso that they be not set at liberty during the said six months but conveyed beyond seas by one of the messengers appointed for that purpose. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 281.]

May 10. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the Curriers' Company of London for accepting the submission of their charter and for the continuance thereof with such regulations as his Majesty shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 357.]

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May 10. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Wentworth, Earl of Roscommon, for a grant of the estate of Capt. Thomas Walcot, lately executed, notwithstanding the late commission for quieting possessions in Ireland. [*Ibid. p.* 358.]

May 10. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of John Savile of Methley, Yorkshire, for permission to the tenants quietly to enjoy their farms mortgaged to him by Ford, Lord Grey, who is since outlawed for high treason and his estate thereby forfeited and in his Majesty's gift, till they have reimbursed him the said debt with interest and charges. [*Ibid. p.* 359.]

May 10. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the report of the Solicitor General of Ireland on the reference to him of the petition of the Duke of Richmond and Lenox by the Lord Deputy, to whom there was a reference thereof calendared in the last volume of the Calendar, *p.* 60, with the petition and papers annexed, which report was as follows, that he had considered the said petition and the report of the Lord Lieutenant thereon and the reference to the Lord Deputy and finds that the Duke desires a grant of all chief rents and rentcharges in Ireland, which by the Acts of Settlement and Explanation are vested in his Majesty and are in his disposal and have been kept concealed, so that neither his Majesty nor any farmers of the revenue have received any benefit thereout, that it does not appear what the particular rents are whereof such a grant is desired nor out of what lands they are issuing nor what title his Majesty has thereto, and that there may be some inconvenience in making such a general grant of all forfeited concealed chief rents and rentcharges throughout the kingdom without expressing the particular rents intended to be granted and before his Majesty's title thereto be made to appear, but, in case any of the petitioner's agents shall legally bring any such forfeited, concealed rents in charge in the Court of Exchequer, his Majesty may, if he think fit, direct grants to be from time to time passed to the petitioner and his heirs of such of them as at the prosecution of the petitioner or his agents shall be so brought in charge and adjudged by the Court of Exchequer to be due to his Majesty, so as in such grants the particular rents intended to be granted and the lands whereout the same are issuing may be expressed and 18*d.* yearly of every such rent be reserved to the Crown according to the petitioner's offer. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 360.]

May 10. Windsor. Commissions to William Wakefield to be ensign to Lieut.-Colonel Edward Sackville's company in the Coldstream regiment of Guards and to William Parsons to be captain of the company whereof Capt. Francis Russell was captain in the first regiment

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of Foot Guards. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 110.]

May 10. Windsor. Commissions to John Livingston to be second lieutenant to Capt. James Moncrief in the King's Royal regiment of foot and to Capt. James Moncrief to be captain in the same regiment. Minutes. [*Ibid. p.* 125.]

May 10. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Yesterday being the last paper day of the term little passed, save that Mr. Noseworthy appeared and pleaded to an information that, whereas Edward Fitzharris was tried and convicted for high treason, the said Edward Noseworthy, 3 Sept., 1681, with other persons that were speaking concerning the trial and execution of the said Fitzharris and concerning Sir Francis Pemberton and the rest of the judges that tried him said, he hoped the next parliament would hang all the judges that gave it for law for the trying of Fitzharris. He would have evaded pleading to the information, alleging that it was three years ago that the words were pretended to be spoken, but he could not get off, so he has pleaded Not guilty.

The Spanish Ambassador here presented to his Majesty the copy of the Marquis Delcasté Moncayos' memorial at the Hague, accompanying it with one of his own, wherein he endeavoured to persuade his Majesty that the King, his master, would never accept of the French proposals.

Her Royal Highness miscarried on Thursday, but she was so small a time gone with child that the sex could not be distinguished. The Duke, who came to town on notice of her being ill, returned for Windsor yesterday morning, leaving her pretty well again.

Holland letters of the 16th say that the French Ambassador there having given in another memorial to the States, in which he declares that, if the propositions offered by his master be not agreed to by the time limited (the 20th instant), then he has no further power to treat nor will his master stand to any of the offers he has made, therefore presses their final answer. On this they have had great debates but are come to no resolution. Most of the cities seemed to comply with the proposals of France, which some will have to be the reason of the Prince's departure from the Hague to Brussels to view his troops, sending word only to the States General that he would be back in a few days, but his leaving orders with his officers at the Hague that they should not stir but be in readiness, for he should have occasion for their service, makes many believe he will attempt the relief of Luxemburg, let the consequence be what it will.

Mr. Orpe being in a hopeful way of recovery, the Board of Green Cloth have discharged Mr. Trelawny, taking his bond to appear the 29th instant.

Flanders letters say that the French advanced the first night

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after the opening of the trenches 35 rods without any considerable loss. Count Valsasine, brother to the Prince of Taxis, with four or five hundred choice men, many reformed officers, and several persons of quality have for some time been gone towards Luxemburg with design to get in, but as yet there is no attempt of him. Last Saturday the guns were heard very furiously playing all day in the Park at Brussels, which is 34 leagues from Luxemburg.

Dr. Oates was this day arrested at the suit of his Royal Highness in an action of *Scandalum magnatum* and carried to the Compter.

A motion was this day at Westminster for having the fines set on the rioters of Nottingham, fifteen of whom appeared, but the court, not being informed of their respective qualities, have deferred setting their fines till next term, and have taken each man's recognizance for 1,000*l.* and two others of 500*l.* to appear next term.

From Lisle of the 17th they write that the Marquis d'Humières, son to the Marshal, is killed before Luxemburg, as are also many other considerable officers, among whom are the Marquis de Sell and Monsr. Montall. The place makes a stout defence, the garrison being reinforced with the 400 men above-mentioned. French letters add that they are masters of the counterscarp. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 82.]

May 11. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petitions of the Masons' Company of London, the Founders' Company of London and the Butchers' Company of London for pardon and acceptance of the submission of their charters and for a continuance of their former charters with such regulations as his Majesty shall think fit. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *pp.* 357, 358.]

May 11. Like reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the Tallow Chandlers' Company of London, taking notice of a *Quo warranto* commanding their appearance in the Court of King's Bench this term and submitting themselves to his Majesty's pleasure. [*Ibid. p.* 358.]

May 11. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition, with the annexed paper of heads, of the Bayliffs, Aldermen, Burgesses, Commonalty and loyal inhabitants of Great Yarmouth for a new charter. [*Ibid.* p. 359.]

May 11. Windsor. Warrant for a charter of incorporation of the city of Canterbury on the surrender of the former charter with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 35.] *Annexed,*

The said paper with the proposed additions and alterations and the names of the first members and officers of the corporation. [*Over* 2 *pages. Ibid.*]

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Memorandum that a new warrant was writ and a new paper of heads and signed by the King at Newmarket Oct. 10, 1684. [*Ibid.*]

Memorandum that his Majesty, having been moved that Col. William Rooke should be present Mayor of Canterbury and that Squier Beverton, junior, now named to continue Mayor till Michaelmas next, should be the youngest Alderman, consented thereto and has directed the Attorney General to put down the said two persons' names in the new charter accordingly. July 13, 1684, Windsor. [*Ibid. p.* 37.]

May 11. Commission to Capt. Robert Hodges to be captain. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 125.]

May 11. Windsor. Warrant for the revocation of the commission of 14 April last (calendared in previous volume, *p.* 383) appointing the persons therein mentioned Commissioners of the Admiralty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 118.]

May 12. Lavington. The Earl of Abingdon to [? Sir L. Jenkins]. I received your letter this morning. I should not have troubled you in that business, had I not understood by my Lord of Oxon's letter that you had power from the University to agree the matter with the city and believed you would think it reasonable to do it on those easy terms I mentioned. As you say those two privileges of eight Aldermen and four fairs are most likely to be yielded by the University, and I cannot see the least colour of reason why they should not, so, if you consent to them, I shall not only readily endeavour to persuade the city to acquiesce therein but also to admit a salvo in their new charter for the preservation of the just and legal privileges of the University, having no more design to take away any such from the University than to give away any from the city, but the wording of these things must be left to counsel, so I have written to Sir George Pudsey to attend you about it and receive such directions as may put a speedy issue to it. As for the salvo for the night watch, if the University intends thereby, as you say, only to be continued as they are or to enjoy quietly what the law at present gives them, I shall never oppose them, but, if they desire to gain anything more in this point by this new charter, I never can nor will consent to it, my word and honour being engaged to the contrary, and, as I doubt not this will be enough preserved with the rest of the privileges under a general salvo, so I hope you will not insist any otherways on it, for the reasons mentioned in my last. As I believe you heartily desire to settle a good understanding betwixt those two bodies, so I hope you will think fit for that purpose to put a speedy end to this business, which has already bred too much ill blood betwixt them, and will do more the longer

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it continues. I the more press for this despatch, because I must suddenly have a general muster in that city and shall be ashamed to appear without the charter, which I gave them reason to expect long since.

I must return my thanks for your good opinion of my hearty intentions for his Majesty's service, which only engaged me in this business, wherein I have had more trouble than in any other in all my ten years' service in that county, but, as I hope that will by your means be speedily at an end, so I desire you to pardon all the trouble I have given you in it. [4 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 437, *No.* 132.]

May 12. Windsor. Royal assent to the election by the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle of Thomas Smith, D.D., Dean of the said cathedral, to be bishop of that see. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 145.]

May 12. Windsor. Warrant for a *congé d'élire* to the Dean and Chapter of Bristol for the election of a bishop of that see void by the death of Dr. William Gulston, the late bishop, with a letter recommending Dr. John Lake, now Bishop of Man and Sodor, for election. [*Ibid. p.* 146.]

May 12. Windsor. Warrant for a pardon to John, Lord Berkeley, and John Berkeley, John Cowper, the Coroner for Middlesex, having certified that the jury impanelled by him to inquire touching the death of Ralph Tonycliffe have presented that the said Lord Berkeley and John Berkeley are guilty of the manslaughter of the said Tonycliffe. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 282.]

May 12. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Sir Samuel Foxon, praying to be authorized to inspect the proceedings of the several courts of justice and sheriffs of Ireland for 31 years and by all lawful means to increase the branch of the revenue arising by forfeited recognizances and fines issuing by green wax, now almost totally lost by the neglect of sheriffs and corruption of their bailiffs, with the allowance of — *per pound* of all that shall arise thereby. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 360.]

May 12. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Caroline Wyndham, daughter of Sir Edmund Wyndham, late Knight Marshal, and Mary Elyott, daughter of Thomas Elyott, late a Groom of the Bedchamber, for a grant of the estate of Edward Norton, forfeited for high treason, his Majesty retaining a gracious sense of the loyalty and services of their fathers. [*Ibid. p.* 362.]

May 12. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the inhabitants of Lowestoft praying that, a suit about the admeasurement of seven miles between them and the town of Great

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Yarmouth having been determined in the House of Peers, his Majesty will order that in the new charter to Yarmouth either seven English miles may be inserted instead of seven leagues or a proviso for preserving the benefit of the said judgment to the petitioners. [*Ibid. p.* 363.]

May 12. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the Waxchandlers' Company of London submitting themselves to such regulations for the government of the Company as his Majesty shall think fit. [*Ibid.*]

May 12. Windsor. On the petition of Jane Oborne (calendared *ante*, *p.* 4) and the report of the Attorney General that he is induced by the certificate of so many worthy gentlemen to be of opinion that the petitioner is a fit object of his Majesty's grace, but, the Lords of the Treasury having given directions for the prosecution of several coiners and clippers, he conceives it fit that they be acquainted with the case before the warrant pass for a pardon, further reference thereof to the Lords of the Treasury. [*Ibid. p.* 364.]

May 12. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Anne Erington of Denton, Northumberland, widow, for liberty to make a watercourse through a field called Eastfield near Denton for the convenience of a colliery in her own land, for which she pays a rent to his Majesty. [*Ibid.*]

May 12. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Lord Alington. I have acquainted his Majesty with your letters of the 8th and 10th, who very well approves of what you have done in the matter of the perambulation within the liberties of the Tower, and as to the information against the soldier, he would have him forthwith cashiered without any further proceeding. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 97.]

May 12. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir John Lanier. Sending his Majesty's orders for his coming over to England. [*Ibid.*]

May 12. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Deputy Lieutenants of Warwickshire. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that the halberts and horns seized at Coventry and now in the custody of some of them be forthwith delivered to the Mayor of Coventry that they may be made use of on fair days and other occasions as formerly. [*Ibid.*]

May 12. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Lord Alington. I have writ to the Attorney General by the King's command to acquaint him that he thinks it requisite that the boundaries and limits of the Tower liberties should be ascertained, which he would have him take care of accordingly. I have sent him your letter giving an account

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of the perambulation and told him, if requisite, you would give him further information. [*Ibid. p.* 98.]

May 12. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Attorney General. His Majesty thinks it requisite that the boundaries and limits of the Tower liberties be ascertained, which he would have you take care of. I enclose a letter from the Constable of the Tower. If requisite, he will give you more particular information. [*Ibid.*]

May 12. Windsor. Commission to Capt. Charles Barclay to be captain in the Royal regiment of foot. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 125.]

May 13. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Edward Wigg praying that, the rent of the Excise having been advanced by his discovery 20,000*l. per annum*, yet the money not being effectually paid till the end of the farm to George Dashwood, Peter Calvert, etc., before which time the petitioner went for Ireland employed by the farmers and, though the whole 60,000*l.* is now fully paid, yet he has not had any compensation, his Majesty will give him such a compensation as in such cases of discovery has been usually done, his Majesty retaining a gracious sense of the petitioner's good services. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 365.]

May 13. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Robert Doughty, late collector of customs at Yarmouth, praying that, being charged with a debt of 5,194*l.* by the Comptroller General of the accounts of Customs and taken into custody and all his personal estate seized and having paid 2,000*l.* of that debt, being all he was able to raise and more than his sureties were bound for, he might be pardoned the rest. [*Ibid. p.* 379.]

May 13. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Mr. Joddrell. His Majesty would have you let Mr. L'Estrange have the use of the Journal and papers above-mentioned for some time, after which they shall be restored to you. With memorandum that the papers were the Journal of the House of Commons about the Popish plot and the informations and examinations which had been taken and were lodged in the hands of the Clerk of the House of Commons. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 112.]

May 13. Windsor. Warrant to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench and the Recorder of London for inserting in the next general pardon for poor convicts of Newgate without any condition of transportation James Shaw convicted some time ago at the Old Bailey for clipping and counterfeiting but reprieved, he having made an ample discovery of several persons guilty of the said crime. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 119.]

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Instructions for the Commissioners for remedy of defective titles in Ireland. Considering that all the lands, tenements and hereditaments in Ireland may be reduced under these three heads, viz., 1. Such as are possessed by the former proprietors who had them before 23 Oct., 1641, or claim under those then in possession; 2. Such as are now held by new titles under the Acts of Settlement and Explanation or by letters patent since the restoration; 3. Such as are held without any title that the present proprietors can make out—you shall observe the following instructions:

As to the First Head.

1. Persons in possession of lands, etc., as the old proprietors thereof, whereof they or those under whom they claim were returned proprietors in 1641 by any survey, or where, there being no other proprietor returned by any survey, they or those under whom they claim were in possession in 1641 before the rebellion and have also been in possession thereof for the greater part of the time since the restoration, be admitted to pass new letters patent thereof according to their present estates or reputed estates therein under the rents now payable thereout to the Crown and that the fine to be demanded for passing such letters patent do not exceed one sixth of the yearly value thereof (provisions for ascertaining the yearly value).

2. Persons in possession of such lands, etc., as the old proprietors thereof in 1641 which are neither by the Civil Survey, Gross Survey or Down Survey returned to have belonged in 1641 either to them or to those under whom they claim and who shall not be able to make out a good title thereto shall pay no more for a fine than two years' value.

3. Persons so in possession of lands, etc., as the old proprietors thereof, who shall desire to have any misnomers in their former patents rectified or to be discharged of any conditions therein that may tend to the forfeiture or incumbrance of their estates shall pay a greater or less fine according as you shall find the incumbrances to be more or less considerable.

4. As to those of the clergy who shall pass any letters patent of lands, etc., belonging to them in their politic capacity, you shall admit them thereto on easier terms than others in regard of the personal charge on them, they holding their estates only for their own lives.

As to the Second Head.

Persons in possession of lands, etc., under any new interest or estate granted them or to those under whom they claim by letters patent since the restoration or decreed to them or to those under whom they claim by any certificate of the Commissioners for executing the late Acts of Settlement and Explanation or of the Commissioners for settling transplanted persons

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or by the Commissioners for settling the remaining part of the '49 security be admitted to pass new letters patent of their lands, etc., according to their present estates or reputed estates therein under the rents now payable, in case they desire the same, paying also no more than one sixth of the yearly value thereof in case they shall pass the same under the denominations in their former patents or certificates contained, but, in case they desire to have any misnomers or uncertainties or other mistakes or defects in their former certificates or letters patent rectified, then to pay not above one half year's value of the lands, etc., wherein such defects are desired to be rectified according to the above-mentioned valuation.

As to the Third Head.

1. Persons who are in possession of lands, etc., and hold the same as the reputed proprietors thereof but have no decree or certificate for the same nor were in possession thereof before 23 Oct., 1641, nor shall make out any good title thereto, shall on passing a new patent for such lands, etc., pay no more for a fine than four years' value thereof according to the above-mentioned valuation, and you are not to take less than four years' value without first acquainting us and having received our directions by the Lords of the Treasury here.

2. As to lands that have been seized and sequestered and are held in *custodium* whereof the inheritance has not yet passed out of us, we authorize you to make grants thereof to such as you shall adjudge to have the best pretence thereto, who are to pay such sums as you shall think reasonable, but you are not to pass away any reversion or remainder belonging to us depending on any estate tail without first acquainting us and having received our directions by the Lords of the Treasury here.

You are not to grant manors and other privileges usually granted, where there have not been formerly manors, unless the lands, etc., designed to be created into a manor either contain 2,000 acres of profitable land or are of the clear yearly value of 300*l.* *per annum*, and on the creating of a new manor not above 20*l.* is to be paid for a fine and 5*s.* *per annum* rent at least is to be reserved out of every fair or market to be granted, in case the same be either a new fair or market or that the former fairs or markets, which shall be new granted, do not pay so much rent.

On the renewing of charters of corporations and in all other cases not hereinbefore provided for, such moderate fines as you think reasonable shall be paid on passing any new letters patent.

Where any lands, etc., shall be desired to be passed that now pay no rent, you are to reserve such reasonable rent as may be had without discouragement of plantation and improvement to those who would desire to pass letters patent.

You are to take particular care that no arrears of rent now in charge be discharged, for which any of the late Farmers or

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Undertakers of the revenue may be entitled to defalcations, nor that any rent now in charge be lessened without acquainting the Lords of the Treasury here with the reasons for discharging such arrears or lessening such rent and having received our or their directions.

Whereas in your letters of 29 April last to the Lord Lieutenant you say you shall take care that a table of fees be forthwith made before any letters patent pass on this commission, we, approving of your intention, require you to cause the same to be expedited accordingly. [7 *pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 23.]

May 13. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Deputy. The letter which you and the Commissioners for Defective Titles wrote to the Lord Lieutenant with the draft of instructions therewith having been read to his Majesty and communicated to the Lords of the Treasury, his Majesty has commanded me to prepare the enclosed instructions and transmit them to you.

The King has revoked the commission for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of England and has given his Royal Highness the charge of those affairs. [*Ibid. p.* 30.]

May 14. Col. J. Romsey to the Duke of York. I crave your favour to make this my just vindication as to what Holloway spitefully says of me. I resolved to lay before his Majesty the very worst of my own part of that horrid crime and the whole truth both of the murder and the insurrection. The first time I appeared before the Cabinet, they told me they believed I had fully charged myself and none could say more of me. I never spoke with the man six times in my life. The first was about the linen design. The next was with him and Wade and not a word passed of the murder, but they gave me the same account of Bristol as he does in his narrative. One thing he omits, which was that he had got two pieces of ordnance into his house, under pretence to fit them for sea, for clearing the streets if occasion, with ropes ready tied to them to draw them and powder and case shot laid by them. That meeting he mentions to me was very accidental, because I came to see Mr. West about law business. I met those he names, where it was proposed to go to the tavern, where Holloway very briskly charged us with carelessness in London, saying that, if the same industry had been used here as at Bristol, the controversy had been decided, and then he related into what posture they had put Bristol and said, except a better were proposed, he thought that should presently be put forward here. All agreed to the form they had used and thought them the fittest to manage it here that had performed so well there. They undertook it and bought a map of London and reduced the city into twenty parts. Wade could not attend, having other business, so Holloway made the division as I understood by himself.

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Holloway very maliciously says I offered to command the murderers of the King and yourself. I wish I were as innocent of the part I have confessed I had (which is rather more than less than any can truly charge me with) as of what he says I am guilty of. Whatever others can do, I cannot so easily absolve myself of the ingratitude, much less of the horrid fault. I need not the aggravation of more than my share nor the displeasure of the King and yourself, under which I am so unfortunately fallen, without any new offence or cause on the most strict examination of myself. I implore you to mediate with his Majesty not to believe more against me than I am guilty of and also that you will not entertain a worse opinion than you seemed to have the first month or two after I surrendered myself, when you spoke very favourably of me. I have acquainted the King and yourself not only of all I knew of the plot, but of every thing else I could recollect. I beg you to remove his Majesty's displeasure and your own. I had once designed by your Royal Highness to present the King with a proposition for regulating some things amongst the forces, but I cannot think of doing any thing else till I am re-instated in the King's good opinion and yours.

Postscript.—I beg you will not let me be under the King's disfavour and yours any longer without my knowing my new crime and hearing what I can say. To-day I read Holloway's narrative, where I find myself loaded with more than I am guilty of. I wish I could have been face to face with him to make my defence. I would not, now he is dead, say more than were he alive, but his spite against me may easily be perceived and I hope that the King, yourself and all the Cabinet will believe my candour, for I will not excuse my guilt nor lay any more to any man's charge than I know he was guilty of. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 437, *No.* 133.]

May 14. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of the petition of Helen Dempsey *alias* Macarty for an order that a pension of 88*l. per annum* granted her may be put on the present establishment of Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 366.]

May 14. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant for the continuance to Margaret, Viscountess Dowager of Iveagh, of the pension of 300*l. per annum* granted to her late husband, Arthur, Viscount Iveagh, and, if it appears that his pension has not been paid up as far as the other pensioners on the establishment wherein his name is inserted, for payment to her of so much as will make her equal with others. [*Nearly 2 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 289.]

[May.] John Sprat of Deal to the King and the Privy Council. Petition stating that an order having been granted the petitioner on behalf of his wife Anne, daughter of Jacob Jones, lieutenant of the

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Loyal George, who was killed on board her during the first Dutch war, for summoning James Thurbarne of Sandwich to give an account of the pay due to Jones and also of the royal bounty of 105*l.* for the relief of his widow and children, both of which were received by him in 1668, Thurbarne in his late answer acknowledges the receipt thereof in 1677 a mistake of nine years; and praying an order to Thurbarne to appear personally before his Majesty and this Board to give an account of the said pay and bounty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 437, *No.* 134.] *Annexed,*

May 15. Whitehall. *Reference thereof to the Committee for Trade* [*Ibid. No.* 134 I] *and their order that a copy of the above petition be delivered to Thurbarne, who is to attend this Board with his answer within ten days after the receipt thereof. May* 27, 1684. [*Ibid. No.* 134 II.]

May 15. Whitehall. References to the Attorney General of the petitions of the Blacksmiths' Company and the Carpenters' Company similar to that of the Wax Chandlers' Company calendared *ante*, p. 11. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 363.]

May 15. Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Keeper and the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench of the petition of the Surgeons of the City of London, praying that, in regard it is found by experience that the union of the Surgeons with persons altogether ignorant of the science or faculty of surgery (as the Barbers are, who were heretofore a different Company from the Surgeons) hinders and does not promote the ends for which they were united, his Majesty would make them and all surgeons within seven miles distance thereof a body politic under such regulations as his Majesty shall think fit. [*Ibid. p.* 365.]

May 15. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor of Gravesend. The King, having received an account that Henry Cole, master of the *Jeremiah*, Nicholas Davison, master of the *Speedwell*, John Mar and Thomas Fry, masters of two other passage boats, bring great numbers of passengers from Holland to Gravesend and from there to Holland, and finding the said transport of passengers very prejudicial, in regard that dangerous persons may be thereby carried out of or into this kingdom, commands me to signify his pleasure that you forthwith lay an embargo on the said passage boats, if they be then at Gravesend, and, if not, as soon as they arrive, and you are not to permit them to go off or discharge them from the embargo without his Majesty's permission. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 100.]

May 15. Windsor. Commission to Robert Car to be first lieutenant to Capt. John Whyte. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 125.]

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May 15. Whitehall. Warrant after reciting the grant dated 7 July, 1679, to Henry Sidney of the office of Master of the Robes, with a direction for the payment of 4,500*l.* *per annum* to him for finding the robes and other things incident to the said office, and that he has made up his accounts of the said 4,500*l.* a year for two years ending at Lady Day, 1681, and that, after all tradesmen's and artificers' bills and other incident charges have been paid, there is remaining in his hands 1,890*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*, which having been saved by his care and management he has prayed to be granted to him; for a grant of the said sum of 1,890*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* remaining on the said account to the said Henry Sidney as a free gift without account. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 119.]

May 15. Whitehall. Recommendation by the King, after reciting that Capt. Greevile Collins, the King's Hydrographer, has undertaken to make a survey of the sea coasts of Great Britain, which will be of great use for the safety of navigation, and has proceeded therein for the last three years, to all noblemen, privy councillors, judges, the universities, magistrates and gentry and particularly the officers of the Navy and traders and navigators to encourage the said undertaking by their subscriptions and to give the said Capt. Collins all assistance to enable him to finish his said work. [*Ibid. p.* 120.]

May 15. Whitehall. Warrant to the Justices of Assize for the Western circuit and the Keeper of the county gaol at Winchester revoking the reprieve to Richard Eyres *alias* Wheeller *alias* Thomas Eyres *alias* Wheeller (calendared in previous volume, *p.* 316) that so the sentence of death passed upon him may be executed. [*Ibid. p.* 121.]

May 15. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Holland letters of the 20th say that the French Ambassador there presents them with memorials daily, pressing them to give a final answer, notwithstanding which they have suffered the time to elapse, by reason the Prince of Orange was not there, whom they had sent for express and who was expected at the Hague the 21st instant. Several of the cities are for the proposals of France and most believe that the States will agree to them, the French King assuring them that, as soon as he is master of Luxemburg, he will return to Paris and not meddle with any of the Barrier towns. In the meantime letters from the camp before Luxemburg of the 16th say that since their being masters of the counterscarp they have pressed hard on the besieged and taken from them two redoubts and reduced them to the last extremity, for, unless they have speedy relief, 'tis certain that within ten days they will be forced to surrender, and letters from the French camp say they shall be masters of it before these letters come to us. The French King is at Valenciennes, where he will stay till the business of Luxemburg be over and then for Paris.

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The Prince of Orange, having taken a view of his troops in Flanders, parted thence for the Hague the 21st instant.

Yesterday the Horse and Foot Guards mustered in Hyde Park. To-day his Majesty came to town and was at St. James', where was held an extraordinary Council. His Royal Highness was there also.

The several independent companies will be formed into regiments of which Lord Dartmouth will command one.

The States of Venice having declared war against the Turks have sent to most of the Christian princes to acquaint them with it and also to their secretary at Constantinople, commanding him to acquaint the Grand Signior with it and then to get away as well as he can.

From Falmouth of the 8th they write that six of the eight companies that came from Tangier are to be filled up and lie in garrison in Pendennis Castle and two of them, Capt. Chantrell's and Capt. Burgess's, are to go for Ireland and that Lord Arundell, Governor of Pendennis, was expected there every day from London.

At the Old Bailey sessions proclamation was this day made for summoning all Dissenters to appear against whom *Capiases* are issued out of the Prerogative Court for not conforming, but none of them appeared.

'Tis said that Lord Gerard of Brandon and several others are going for Flanders into the Spanish army.

We have a discourse about town of a new conspiracy; but what ground there is for it or the report I cannot learn. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 83.]

May 16. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Craven. His Majesty being informed that plate and some other goods of value are lodged in the Duchess of Portsmouth's kitchen at Whitehall, for the better security thereof directs you to order that the Captain of the Guard appoint a sentinel to stand before the kitchen door. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 100.]

May 17. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Duke of Norfolk. The King, having lately received information of several reports in the City and country that he intends very speedily to summon a parliament, whereon some gentlemen have put themselves to expenses in preparing for elections, has commanded me to acquaint you among several others that those reports are altogether groundless and untrue, he having as yet no such intention. As he will not be wanting to call a parliament when it shall be requisite for his own service and the public good, so I am commanded to assure you that you shall have notice when any such resolution is taken, wherefore if any reports concerning this matter be hereafter raised, you will not give any credit to them till the same be signified to you by his Majesty's command. In the mean time

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he recommends it to you by all proper ways and means to disabuse his good subjects that they may not be misled by any such false representations.

The King has likewise been informed of some designs to promote a tumultuous petition for the meeting of a parliament, whereon he has commanded me to let you know that he cannot but utterly dislike and condemn any such attempt and would therefore have you use your best endeavours to discourage such seditious practices, inconsistent with the peace and quiet of the kingdom. [*Nearly 2 pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 101.]

Memorandum that like letters were sent to the Dukes of Newcastle and Albemarle, the Archbishop of York, the Earls of Peterborough, Gainsborough, Bristol, Bath and Ailesbury, the Bishops of Durham, Bath and Wells and Exeter, Lord Stawell, Sir William Portman, Sir Roger Norris (Norwich), Sir Peter Shakerley, Dr. Brady, Master of Caius College, Cambridge, and the Lord Great Chamberlain, and to the Duke of Beaufort on the 26th. [*Ibid. p.* 102.]

May 17. Windsor. Commission to Samuel Oldfield to be cornet of Capt. Edwin Sandys' troop in the Earl of Oxford's regiment. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 110.]

May 17. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Letters from Flanders of the 23rd say that the French are very cautious in their attacks before Luxemburg, being loth to hazard their men. The 14th they gained the first counterscarp and since that the redoubt on the point of the second counterscarp was warmly attacked and as bravely defended, but after a sharp dispute the French carried it, but were soon beaten out. They attacked it a second time and regained it. The besieged since sprang a mine with good effect, after which the French with their cannon razed the redoubt to the ground. 'Tis said many officers of quality are killed and that Marshal de Créqui was retired to Thionville either sick or wounded, that the besieged made a vigorous defence and that there was no appearance of their being reduced to extremity this month. They add that a sergeant was arrived at Brussels with letters to the Marquis de Grana, who came out of Luxemburg the 18th and says that the French were advanced no farther than the point of the second counterscarp, but that in four days they will be so near as to press them hard. The courier from Spain is arrived at Brussels with the final answer of the King, which, 'tis said, is that he will not accept of the French proposals, but bids the war to be continued, on which the Marquis de Grana has despatched the Viador General to the States to acquaint them and the Prince of Orange with the answer. Before the Prince went from Brussels, the Marquis de Grana made him a present of eight Neapolitan horses. All the Dutch horse are

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gone to encamp near Aerschot, where there is a good store of forage.

Letters from Holland of the 23rd advise that on the Prince of Orange's return to the Hague he had a long conference with the ministers of the allies and the States' deputies for foreign affairs. They had not then given the French Ambassador any answer to his repeated memorials, nor is it believed they will be able to agree on that point by reason of the great divisions among them, some being for complying with France and others against it.

The Imperialists have quitted Zateschin in Hungary after having set it on fire, which they did with so much precipitation, on advice that the Turks were coming to besiege it, that they burnt all their forage, provisions and nine pieces of cannon with the goods of the inhabitants, about 6,000 of all ages and sexes, who retired with great lamentation to Karpen and Shemnitz.

From Deal they write that the *Dartmouth*, Capt. St. Loe commander, is gone convoy to Calais and Dunkirk with some vessels from Hamburg.

Lord Arundell is arrived at Falmouth, where he was received with a great deal of honour, the soldiers being all in arms and the guns discharged.

Advice coming to Portsmouth that his Royal Highness was made Lord Admiral, the guns were fired, bonfires made and the bells rung with all demonstrations of joy.

Their Majesties having been to visit the Lady Anne returned for Windsor on Tuesday and the Duke yesterday morning. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 84.]

Another copy of the above newsletter. [*Ibid. No.* 85.]

May 18. Whitehall. References to the Attorney General of the petitions of the Joiners' Company, the Upholders' Company and the Glovers' Company, London, all to the effects of the petitions of the other Companies. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 366.]

Monday, May 19. Aldeburgh. Gilbert Wise (?) to his master Bernard Howard. About a horse of his sold to Sir Joseph Williamson for 20 guineas. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 437, *No.* 135.]

May 19. Windsor. Warrant for a patent for 14 years of his inventions to John Dwight, who has set up at Fulham several new manufactures of earthen ware called white gorges, marble porcelain vessels, statues and figures and fine stone gorges and has discovered the mystery of transparent porcelain and opaceous red and dark coloured porcelain on China and Persian wares and the mystery of the Cologne or stone wares and is endeavouring to settle the manufactures of all the said wares in England. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 23.]

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May 19. Windsor. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Plymouth on their surrender of their charter with a regrant of all the lands, etc., and other things belonging to the late Mayor and commonalty with the additions, alterations and clauses in the schedule annexed, with a reservation to the Crown of power to displace any Mayor, Recorder, etc. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 122.] *Annexed,*

The said schedule. [3 *pages. Ibid. p.* 123.]

May 19. Windsor. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Bury St. Edmunds on their surrender of their charter with a regrant of all the lands, etc., and other things belonging to their predecessors and for appointing the persons named in the paper annexed the first members and officers of the corporation, with power to the Crown to displace any Mayor, Recorder, etc. [*Ibid. p.* 126.] *Annexed,*

The said paper. [*Ibid. p.* 127.]

May 19. Windsor. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Great Yarmouth and for regranting to them the ancient privileges and lands that were held by their former charters and all other things mentioned in their late surrender with the regulations, alterations and additions contained in the annexed paper. [*Ibid. p.* 128.] *Annexed,*

The heads of regulations, alterations and additions to be inserted in the new charter of Great Yarmouth. [4 *pages. Ibid. p.* 129.]

May 19. Windsor. Reference to Col. John Strode, Governor of Dover Castle, and to the Commissioners of the Peace for the town and port of Dover of the petition of Alice, widow of William Wellard of Dover. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 359, *p.* 184.] *Prefixed,*

The said petition stating that the petitioner's late husband was a constant promoter of the late King's interest, which he several times manifested to the hazard of his life and fortune, as appears by the annexed certificate, and was in actual service in the rising in Kent; that all true loyalists could never have any justice in Dover since the late King's death till now, for William Stokes, the late Mayor, and his factious party always by threats and other contrivances kept them under hatches; that this Stokes was a member for Dover and said, If the parliament would be for the Devil, he would be for them; that he by contrivance and large rewards during the petitioner's unjust imprisonment prevailed with the late Harbour Commissioners of Dover for a lease of her house and brewhouse, notwithstanding that they are limited by their patent not to grant any harbour lease but to the ancient tenants, to her ruin, she being the ancient tenant, for which cause she has been forced to forsake her habitation and

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abscond in London for her preservation; that she has by letters and several persons desired Stokes to come to an account and is willing to pay any thing that may be justly due; and that, he having unjustly possessed himself of all her estate, she is unable to sue for her just rights: and therefore praying an order to the present Commissioners of Dover to command the said Stokes to an account and to rehear the petitioner's cause and also an order to the Harbour Commissioners to call in their said lease to Stokes, so that the petitioner may be re-invested in her just rights. [*Nearly 2 pages. Ibid. p.* 183.]

May 20. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir William Kingsmill for a remission of the penalties and forfeitures whereto he is liable for the manslaughter of William Haslewood, his kinsman. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 367.]

May 20. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the barristers and gentlemen students of the Middle Temple concerned in the last Christmas revels, praying that all suits now or hereafter to be commenced in his Majesty's name against them for a riot, while they collected their rents last revels according to ancient custom, and all proceedings [may be] stopped by a *Nolle prosequi*, they being ready to answer all private actions at law on that account. [*Ibid. p.* 368.]

May 20. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Bath. His Majesty, having received an account concerning the arms seized from dangerous and disaffected persons in Cornwall, would have you give order to your Deputy Lieutenants that such of them as are useful for arming the militia be deposited for that purpose in such place as you shall think most convenient and that the rest be sent to Pendennis and delivered to the keeper of the magazine there. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 99.]

Memorandum that like letters were sent to the following Lords Lieutenant.

County.	Lord Lieutenant.	Towns where arms are to be left.
Chester	Earl of Derby	Chester.
Cumberland	Earl of Carlisle	Carlisle.
Devon	Duke of Albemarle	Plymouth.
Durham	Bishop of Durham	Tynemouth.
Kent	Earl of Winchilsea	Chatham.
Northumberland	Duke of Newcastle	Berwick.
Monmouth	Duke of Beaufort	Chepstow.
Southampton	Earl of Gainsborough	Portsmouth.
Westmorland	Earl of Carlisle	Carlisle.

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County.	Lord Lieutenant.	Towns where arms are to be left.
York { East Riding	Duke of Somerset	Hull.
York { North Riding	Viscount Fauconberg	Scarborough
North Wales		Chester.
South Wales		Chepstow.

[*Ibid.*]

May 20. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Bridgwater. Similar letter to the last concerning the arms seized in Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire, directing that those of Buckinghamshire be sent to Eton and those of Hertfordshire to Ware to be delivered to the persons appointed by the Master General of Ordnance to receive them. [*Ibid. p.* 103.]

Memorandum that the like letters were sent to :—

County.	Lord Lieutenant.	Places for the arms.
Berkshire, Norfolk, Surrey	Duke of Norfolk	Henley. Yarmouth. Kingston.
Bedford	Earl of Ailesbury	Bedford.
Cambridge	Lord Alington	Cambridge.
Chester, Lancaster	Earl of Derby	Chester. Liverpool.
Devon	Duke of Albemarle	Plymouth.
Dorset	Earl of Bristol	Weymouth.
Derby	Earl of Devon	Derby.
Essex	Duke of Albemarle and Earl of Oxford	Colchester.
Gloucester, Hereford, Monmouth, North Wales, South Wales, Bristol	Duke of Beaufort	Gloucester. Hereford. Chepstow. Chester. Chepstow. Bristol.
Huntingdon	Earl of Ailesbury	Huntingdon.
Lincoln	Earl of Lindsey	Boston.
Leicester	Earl of Rutland	Leicester.
Middlesex	Earl of Craven	Brentford.
London	Lieutenancy	Tower.
Northumberland, Nottingham	Duke of Newcastle	Berwick. Newark.
Oxford	Earl of Abingdon	Oxford.
Rutland, Southampton	Earl of Gainsborough	Stamford. Portsmouth.
Somerset, East Riding of Yorkshire	Duke of Somerset	Bristol. Hull.

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County.	Lord Lieutenant.	Places for the arms.
Salop	Lord Newport	Shrewsbury.
Sussex	Earl of Dorset	Chichester.
Stafford	Deputy Lieutenants	Newcastle under Lyme.
Suffolk	Earl of Arlington	Ipswich.
Wiltshire	Earl of Pembroke	Bradford.
Worcester	Earl of Plymouth	Worcester.
Warwick	Deputy Lieutenants	Warwick.
York, West Riding	Earl of Burlington	Doncaster.

[*Ibid.*]

May 20. Windsor. Commission to Capt. Alexander Cunningham to be captain in the Royal Regiment of foot and to Alexander Pearson to be his first lieutenant. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 125.]

May 20. Windsor. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. (Printed in *Dalrymple, Vol. II, Appendix, Part I, p.* 56.) [3 *pages. Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 101.]

May 21. Warrant to Henry Evans, messenger, to search for and apprehend Edward Norton, William Rumbold, John Row, Samuel Gibbs, Francis Goodenough and Stephen Lobb, mentioned in his Majesty's declaration, and bring them before Mr. Secretary to answer to such treasonable matters as shall be objected against them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 283.]

May 21. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Charles Orby for a grant to him and his heirs of the manor of Crowland with its appurtenances under the yearly rent of 193*l.* odd money, his father and mother releasing to his Majesty all demands of allowances for the reparations they have made therein and likewise a pension of 300*l. per annum* granted to his mother with the arrears thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 368.]

May 21. Affidavit by John Parnell of London, chirurgeon, that the 9th and 10th instant he was told by the chirurgeon's mate of the *Pelican*,—Varlett commander, that she was bound for the East Indies on a trading voyage and would be out two years or thereabouts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 359, *p.* 180.]

May 21. Affidavit by Bartholomew Vicary of London, distiller, to the same effect. [*Ibid.*]

May 21. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter to George, Marquess of Huntly, of the lands, etc., therein mentioned. (The purport appears by the ratification printed in the *Acts of the Parliament of Scotland, Vol. VIII, p.* 499, from which and from the next document it

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appears that the date thereof was 21 May, not 2 May as entered in the Warrant Book.) [*Nearly 5 pages. Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 357.]

May 21. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput, and the remanent lords of the Exchequer. Understanding that the haill writs and evidents, which belong to the family of Huntly, on the death of George, late Marquess of Huntly, grandfather to the now Marquess, who suffered for his loyalty to our and our father's interest, were seized by the late Marquess of Argyle and by him so secretly secured that hitherto this Marquess of Huntly has never been able to recover them, only some few he has recovered of some particular men's hands and others he has extracted from our registers, and, having now passed a signature of even date herewith, containing several lands, etc., which we have erected in a full and free regality and have likewise changed the holding of such as were formerly holden ward from simpleward to taxtward, and being informed that the said Marquess and his predecessors enjoyed the lands and others without any question moved against them by our officers or any of our subjects, lest you should put any stop or hindrance to the passing of the said signature, which contains a new gift, because the Marquess by reason of the concealment and loss of the said writs and evidents occasioned by the disorders in that kingdom is not able to instruct every particular point of that signature by the production of the writs and documents granted by our ancestors, therefore, that he may not sustain any prejudice through the loss of the writs and evidents, we hereby will and require you with all diligence to pass the said signature and to put no stop or impediment thereto for want of instructions of the lands and others therein mentioned or by reason of the new gift, right and privilege of regality or change of holding therein specified or any constabularies, etc., therein contained. And, though it is our will and pleasure that no stop or impediment be made thereto under any pretence of law or other cause, for which we might impugn the same, yet being unwilling that any of our subjects should be prejudged in their rights by anything in the said signature, we appoint the same to be passed in the common form by public affixing thereof, to the end that our subjects may give in their lawful objections, if any, against the passing thereof and that none of them be prejudged thereby. [*Over 2 pages. Ibid. p.* 362.]

May 21. Windsor Castle. Commissions to George Home to be cornet of Lord Livingstoun's troop of Lifeguard of Horse and to Alexander Urquhart to be captain of the company of grenadiers lately added to the regiment of Guard. [*Ibid. pp.* 364, 365.]

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May 22. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the Poulterers' Company, London, to the same effect as the petitions of other Companies. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 369.]

May 22. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. The King of Poland was to be at the head of his army the 20th instant, which with the Cossacks amounts to near 100,000 men. His first enterprise will be the siege of Caminiec, the loss of which the Turks will not be wanting in their endeavours to prevent.

The last French letters of the 27th say that the French King was at Valenciennes expecting the fate of Luxemburg, which the French have pressed so hard that they are masters of all the outworks and lodged themselves in the town ditch. The impossibility of hopes of relief and the weakness of the garrison make the French believe that in a few days they shall be masters of it. All the English lords and gentlemen in the camp are extreme kindly used by the Marshal de Créqui, who will not suffer any to expose themselves to danger but those that have command.

The 17th came into Plymouth Road three Spanish men-of-war, two Dutch ships and a small French prize. The *Deptford* ketch is also come in there from Tangier having several women on board from that place, and the *Two Lyons*, a small man-of-war lately taken from Sallee, is arrived there, Capt. Frowd commander.

The 20th Sir William Bishop's company of Grenadiers marched out of Portsmouth and are going for York.

The French fleet of several men-of-war under the command of Monsr. du Quesne instead of besieging Valencia as was expected is come before Genoa and fired several bombs and guns into it. As soon as they began to fire the Little and Great Council met immediately to give the necessary orders and passed an Act that a certain number chosen out of both Councils should determine of peace or war, a thing never known, nothing of that nature being ever done before but by consent of the whole. They have ordered ambassadors to be sent to all their neighbouring princes to acquaint them with the danger they are in and pray their speedy assistance. 'Tis reported here that the Duke of Savoy is come down with his army by land, but how he will pass through the territories of the Duke of Milan I cannot learn, so that little credit is given to the report.

His Royal Highness came here from Windsor yesterday and, 'tis said, returns not till Saturday next.

The Turks and Tartars are fallen into Wallachia and deposed the prince set up by the King of Poland and placed one of their own choosing in his stead.

One article of peace between France and Argier is, his Most Christian Majesty shall give those corsairs 400,000 crowns, in consideration of which they are to deliver up the rest of the French slaves.

Some persons coming into the King's Bench prison and affront-

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ing Mr. Oates, blows ensued, for which they were bound over. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 86.]

May 23. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir John Bunce, eldest son and heir of Sir John Bunce and grandchild of Sir James Bunce, deceased, for relief, his grandfather having contracted great debts in his Majesty's service and several of the sums expended in it being yet unpaid, he being utterly destitute of means to maintain himself. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 369.]

May 23. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a presentation to the bishopric of Dumblane in favour of Robert, late Bishop of Brechin, now Bishop of Dumblane. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 366.]

May 23. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a letter empowering Alexander, Archbishop of St. Andrews, to translate Robert, late Bishop of Brechin, now elect Bishop of Dumblane, and to install him bishop in the bishopric of Dumblane. [*Ibid. p.* 367.]

May 24. Windsor. On the petition of Arthur Rawdon, nephew and heir at law to the late Earl of Conway, complaining that in a cause between him and Mr. Seymour about the estate of the said Earl, Mr. Seymour and his proceedings are publicly espoused by some of the Commissioners of the Revenue there, whereby sheriffs, jurors and other officers, who in their respective employments have a dependence on the said Commissioners, are manifestly influenced in his disfavour, and therefore praying an order to the said Commissioners not to intermeddle, his Majesty, out of his constant resolution that justice be impartially administered to all his subjects, directs that the Lords of the Treasury give order to the Commissioners of the Revenue in Ireland that they do not either by themselves or any acting under them in any wise intermeddle in any suit or cause depending between the petitioner and Mr. Seymour. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 370.]

May 24. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General in the same terms as the reference of the petition of the corporation of Bury St. Edmunds calendared in previous volume, *p.* 393, of the petition of the corporation of Richmond, Yorkshire, in the same terms as the said petition. [*Ibid. p.* 372.]

May 24. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Capt. Dennis German for a yearly allowance either in England or Ireland in consideration of his constant loyalty and for his maintenance in his old age, he having spent all his estate in his Majesty's service, his Majesty retaining a gracious sense of the petitioner's services. [*Ibid.*]

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May 24. Windsor. Pass to Edward Randolph, collector of the customs in New England, on his return there. (Calendared in *S.P. Col., America, etc.*, 1681–85, *p.* 641.) [*S.P. Entry Book* 335, *p.* 133.]

May 24. Windsor. Allowance by the Earl of Sunderland of the bill of extraordinaries from 30 Sept., 1683, to 31 March, 1684, of Viscount Preston, Envoyé Extraordinary in the Court of France, amounting to 4,554 *livres* 6 *sols* or in English money to 370*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* Among the items are 289 *livres* for sending one express to Alençon to fetch Bomeni, valet-de-chambre to the late Earl of Essex, and given him to carry him to England, and 282 *livres* for bonfires, wine, etc., on the birth of the Duc d'Anjou.—For new black liveries for the voyage, which would otherwise have been wholly needless, having by me coloured liveries quite new, which is submitted to your consideration whether to be allowed or no. [*Ibid. p.* 134.]

May 25. Windsor. Approval by his Majesty of the Attorney General's report dated 16 May on the reference to him of the petition of the inhabitants of Lowestoft calendared *ante, p.* 13, which was that he had heard what those of Yarmouth had to object to it and that they do not object that the word *Leucas* should be explained by the word *Milliaria*, which he conceives sufficient to take away all occasion of difference, and direction to the Attorney General to take care that the alteration and explanation above mentioned be accordingly made in the new charter of Yarmouth. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 371.]

May 25. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition with the paper of heads annexed of the Commissioners of the Peace for the present government of the town and port of Dover and of the inhabitants thereof praying that, judgment having been entered against the corporation of that town and they appointed Commissioners as aforesaid, who find it absolutely necessary for his Majesty's service that the port should be reincorporated, his Majesty would grant the town a new charter with the alterations in a paper annexed. [*Ibid.*]

May 25. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the Armourers' Company of London submitting to such regulations in their charter as may conduce most to the peace and security of the government and the welfare of their company. [*Ibid. p.* 372.]

May 25. Like reference on the petition of the Broderers' Company, London. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

May 25. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor of Bristol. The Duke of Beaufort having sent me your letter of the 21st to the Town

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Clerk with an enclosed information concerning one Harris or Harrison, I acquainted his Majesty, who is well satisfied with your care and doubts not you will continue it. As to the information he leaves it to your discretion to make such further inquiry as you shall think fit and, if you find it of moment and such as may require further directions, you may let me know. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 105.]

May 26. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Capt. John Neuell, late Consul at Algiers, for an order for his salary for the time of his service there, being a year and a half, in the same proportion as the present Consul is allowed, with his expenses in his Majesty's service as *per* the annexed bill. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 373.]

May 26. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Bridgwater. I have acquainted the King with your letter of the 23rd, desiring directions whether you may return to those who are assessed for the militia such arms as they are appointed to send. His intention is that such arms as were seized and belonged to the militia should be kept for the use of the militia and should not be returned to the persons they were taken from, but be employed for arming the persons who appear on the trainings without arms by reason those who send them had their arms taken from them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 105.]

May 26. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir Joseph Cradock. His Majesty, having been informed of your proceedings against John Whitton of Crake-Hall in the North Riding of Yorkshire for speaking disloyally of him, is very well satisfied with what you have done as also with the affection and zeal you bear towards him and the government on all occasions. [*Ibid. p.* 106.]

[May 26.] Commissions to Sir Stephen Thompson to be Lord Mayor of York and to him and eleven others to be Aldermen and to William Wyvell and Anthony Lister to be Swordbearer and Macebearer and to Thomas Harrison to be Recorder of York, all during pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 28.]

May 26. Windsor. Appointment of Marmaduke Butler and Leonard Robinson to be Sheriffs of the city of York during pleasure. [*Ibid. pp.* 25, 28.]

May 26. Windsor. Pass for two servants belonging to Sir Charles Wal[de]grave with four horses and a coach to pass from Rye to Dieppe and to return. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 132.]

May 26. Windsor. Warrant to the Recorder of London for inserting in the next general pardon for poor convicts of Newgate without any con-

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dition of transportation George Keith and —— Monroy, Scotchmen and Quakers, committed by the Court of Aldermen of London to Newgate for refusing to take the oaths of supremacy and allegiance. [*Ibid. p.* 134.]

May 27. Whitehall. [W. Blathwayt ?] to Samuel Pepys. The convoys for Newfoundland being now near their departure, I am commanded by the Committee for Trade to send you the enclosed heads of inquiry, to which the captains of the convoys are to return an answer, and, because their letters received for the last three years give a very insufficient account of the state of the fishery and inhabitants there, the Committee desire that orders may be given for a more satisfactory return for the future. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 437, *No.* 136.]

May 27. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput, and the remanent lords of the Exchequer. Warrant for, at the passing of the signature of the 21st instant in favour of the Marquess of Huntly, filling up the taxt duties in the blanks therein according to the retoured duties of those his ward lands, notwithstanding any former orders or instructions to the contrary. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 368.]

May 27. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter of new infeftment to George, Earl of Aberdeen, his heirs and assigns, of the town and lands of Braco and the town and lands of Pitmuckstoune with the heretable office of mair of fie of the shirefdome of Aberdeen and also of one net salmond fishing on the water of Dee commonly called the King's Net in the Raike, all in the shirefdome of Aberdeen, on the resignations of Charles Gordon of Braco, the said Earl of Aberdeen and Isobell Douglas, spouse to Arthur Udney, merchant burgess of Edinburgh, with a new gift and a change of the holding from simpleward to taxtward. [*Over* 1 *page. Docquet. Ibid. p.* 369.]

May 27. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput, and the remanent lords of the Exchequer. Warrant for filling up the taxt duties in the blanks in the preceding signature according to the retoured duties of the lands therein mentioned. [*Ibid. p.* 371.]

May 27. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter of new infeftment to Sir Andrew Ramsay of Abbotshall in liferent and to Sir Andrew Ramsay of Waughton, his oy, and the heirs male of his body with remainders over of the lands and barony of Abbotshall with the right of patronage of the parish of Abbotshall on the resignation of the said Sir Andrew Ramsay of Abbotshall as tutor to the said Sir Andrew Ramsay of Waughton and taking burden on him for his said

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oy and also for himself as liferenter, with a change of the name of the said barony to the barony of Westounhall and of the name of the manorplace of Abbotshall to Westounhall, and of the name of the burgh of barony of Lynktoun to Westoun and with a change of the weekly market formerly held on Thursday to —— within the burgh of barony of Westoun and a change of the fair formerly held 10 June yearly to 10 July in the said burgh of barony, with power to both the said Sir Andrew Ramsays to build and have ferry-boats for passing from the said burgh of Westoun to Leith or any other place of the south shores and fishing-boats and ships and to sail the same to any seas outward and to return and to trade freely. [*Nearly 2 pages. Docquet. Ibid. p.* 372.]

May 29. Receipt for 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to Sir John Tippetts for two years' rent due to the Mercers' Company, Midsummer, 1683, for the house on Tower Hill late Sir Richard Ford's. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 437, *No.* 137.]

May 29. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir John Farrington. I have acquainted his Majesty with the letter of the 16th from you and Mr. Edmonds with an information against Benjamin Hoffman concerning dangerous words spoken by him. He approves of your proceedings and would have the party, when taken, bound over to appear at the next assizes and in the meantime to find sureties for good behaviour. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 106.]

May 29. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Last Tuesday his Royal Highness came here from Windsor and yesterday went for Hampton Court to meet his Majesty and returned hither. The King from thence went for Windsor to be there at the solemnization of his birthday, when all the Court will be in a great deal of splendour.

The 26th we have letters from Lynn saying that at a common hall there that day their charter was voted to be laid at his Majesty's feet and ten of that corporation are appointed to wait on the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Lieutenant of that county, to desire him to introduce them into his Majesty's presence. The militia of the said town and county are to be mustered next Thursday, when his Grace will be there to see they make no false musters.

The Stationers' Company, having received their charter from his Majesty, who has restored it with more privileges than formerly, have ordered an address of thanks to be returned to him and the Master, Wardens and some of the Court of Assistants are gone to Windsor to present it.

To-morrow their Royal Highnesses go for Windsor. His Majesty has declared that for the convenience of his affairs, 'tis necessary for his Royal Highness to come to the Council.

French letters say that, after they had possessed themselves of the horn-work mentioned in the *Gazette*, the Prince de Chimay

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beat a parley, on which the Marshal de Créqui after some time sent him a blank paper to write his own conditions. Mr. Howard, the Earl of Carlisle's second son, was killed in the trenches by a musket shot. The French were to take possession of the place last Saturday. The French King parts from Valenciennes in order to be at Versailles 8 June, leaving the command of the army to Marshal de Schomberg, who is to act as he shall receive orders from the Court. 'Tis believed he will not meddle with anything more this campaign, though 'tis said here he designs the taking of Mons in his way home.

The Sieur du Quesne, as I told you in my last, having refused the three days time to the deputies of the Genoese and demanding that they should send ambassadors to France to beg pardon for the injuries and affronts by that state to France, to recall their galleys, which he prohibited them to build, and join them with his fleet, to renounce their obedience and protection of the Spaniards and permit him a free passage—these being told the Senate, they immediately ordered 100 great guns to be fired at the fleet for answer, to which they had 1,600 bombs fired into the town, which destroyed a great many of their fine churches and palaces, and then they quitted Genoa and went to Gerona, which is now besieged by the French.

In storming the horn-work the French lost ten captains of grenadiers, ten engineers and several persons of note, besides 400 common soldiers. *With note*: This is to let your worship know it was after 12 before the footman came out of Newcastle. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 87.]

[May ?] Barbara, Duchess of Cleveland, to the King. Petition for relief. His Majesty granted to the Earl of Arlington ground, a parcel of St. James' Park, with licence to build so many houses as he or his assigns should think fit, so that none of the said houses extend westward farther than the East corner of Cleveland Garden and so that no walks (*cf. p.* 37) or mounts in the ground for gardens to the said houses be so made as to look into Cleveland Garden, notwithstanding which Mr. Frith, the said Earl's assignee, built many houses which extend westward much further than the East corner of Cleveland Garden and has made walks and mounts which look into Cleveland Garden to the petitioner's great prejudice. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 437, *No.* 138.]

May 30. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of John Clignet of Limerick for a patent for 14 years of a new device or engine much like a calash with two or more wheels to be drawn by one or more horses, with the annexed report of the Lord Deputy. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 373.]

May 30. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of John Prescot of Preston, Lancashire, fustian maker, showing that

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Edward Jackson, lately executed for clipping, was indebted 950*l.* to him, for which after a long solicitation he was obliged to take a bond of 450*l.*, and praying, in regard that sum is his whole subsistence, a grant of so much of the said Jackson's personal estate as will satisfy that debt. [*Ibid.*]

May 30. Windsor. Warrant for a new charter incorporating the town of Dover and granting them all their ancient privileges and immunities formerly enjoyed by them till a judgment was lately entered against them whereby their former charters and all their privileges and immunities became forfeited, with the limitations, reservations, alterations and additions contained in the annexed paper of heads. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 135.] *Annexed, The said paper of heads.* [*Over 2 pages. Ibid. p.* 136.]

May 30. Windsor. Warrant after reciting a grant dated 7 Feb., 1682, to the Earl of Arlington and his heirs of parts of St. James' Park therein particularly described with licence to build thereon so many houses of brick as he or they should think fit, so that none of the said houses should extend westward farther than the East corner of Cleveland Garden and that no walls (*cf. p.* 36) or mounts in the ground designed for gardens to the said houses should be made so as to look into Cleveland Garden, and that the said Earl and Isabella, his wife, afterwards by fine and other assurances conveyed the said ground to Johnshall Crosse and William Pym and their heirs, who have conveyed several parts of the said ground to or in trust for Anne Charlotte, Dowager Lady Frescheville, Baroness Dowager Musard of Staveley, Sir Thomas Bond, Sir Cæsar Wood, lately Cranmer, Martin Folkes, Christopher Davenport, James Whitehall, James Supple and Andrew Card and their heirs and have demised the same or other parts of the same ground to Robert and John Rossington and Richard Fryth, citizen and bricklayer of London, or others in trust for them, and to Joshua Beriffe, carpenter, and several others, builders on the same ground, for long terms of years, and that several houses have been built on the said ground by the said parties or their lessees and that the same extend westward farther than the East corner of Cleveland Garden contrary to the condition in the said grant, and that the King has been petitioned to pardon the said offence of building beyond the said East corner and to confirm all the houses and buildings built on the said ground as they now are and to release the said proviso for restraining the said building on the same ground and all forfeiture and damage which has or might accrue thereby to any of the builders thereon by reason of the building thereof; for a pardon and release to the Dowager Lady Frescheville and the other persons hereinbefore mentioned and all other the lessees or builders on any part of the said ground of the said offence by them or some of them committed in extending the said houses and buildings

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farther westward than the East corner of Cleveland Garden and also for a grant and confirmation of all the houses and buildings erected on the same piece of ground to the above named parties according to their respective estates and interests and also a full discharge to the said Dowager Lady Frescheville and all other the above named persons of the said proviso for not extending the houses to be erected on the said ground farther westward than the East corner of Cleveland Garden and for not making any walls or mounts in the ground designed for gardens to the houses to be erected in the same ground which may look into Cleveland Garden and of all other provisoes or conditions in the said grant whereby the houses and buildings to be erected on the said ground or the manner thereof are appointed or restrained and all forfeitures and penalties already incurred or to be incurred by reason thereof. [*Over* 3 *pages. Ibid. p.* 138.]

May 30. Windsor. Warrant to Henry Howard, Commissary General of the Musters, after reciting that the King has thought fit to employ in service at sea Piercy Roche, cornet of Lord Cornbury's troop in the King's own regiment of dragoons commanded by Lord Churchill, for passing him as cornet of the said troop with one servant in the musters during such his absence. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 111.]

May 30. London. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. (Printed in *Dalrymple, Vol. II, Appendix, Part I, p.* 47.) [2 *pages. Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 102.]

May 31. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the Cooks' Company of London for a pardon of all their past miscarriages and that they may be continued a corporation with such limitations and regulations as his Majesty shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 374.]

May 31. Reference in the same terms of the similar petition of the Pewterers' Company. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

May 31. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of John Green, Keeper of the Great Mews, for payment forthwith of his arrears, amounting to 246*l.* [*Ibid. p.* 393.]

May 31. Windsor. Dispensation for Sir Robert Dashwood, High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, to be out of his county. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 26.]

May 31. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Yesterday being the first day of term, the Attorney General moved for final judgment on the *Quo warranto* against the charter of Chester and 'tis ordered to be so, unless they appear within a week. The like motion

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was made against the city of York and the same rule made. Walter Williams, a barrister, having written a book entitled *Jus Appellandi ad Regem ipsum*, in which there are reflections on the present Lord Keeper and the late Lord Chancellor, appeared on his recognizances and the Court advised him to wait on the Lord Keeper and make his peace, which would be much the better for him, and then attend the Court again. Counsel for Sir William Cooper moved for his discharge, he having stood bound twelve months, but the Court deferred it to the last day of term. Mr. Winn, who stands committed for saying they were a loggerhead jury that tried Col. Sidney, appeared and continued on bail. Mr. Sacheverell and the rest of the Nottingham rioters appeared and continued on bail.

A false report having been spread that his Majesty designed speedily to call a parliament and that thereon many gentlemen had made interest in order to their being elected, his Majesty has commanded circular letters to be sent to all the Lords Lieutenant to inform them that he has at present no such intention but that when he thinks it convenient to call a parliament they shall have timely notice and in the interim commands them to suppress all such false reports and to punish the authors, and his Majesty, having notice that some persons were busy in promoting a petition for the sitting of a parliament, has also commanded the Lieutenants to inquire after the promoters of such seditious practices and to put a stop to the same.

Yesterday arrived our Holland letters, which advise that the Prince of Orange, after some hours conference with the Sieur Hopps, one of the deputies of the States of Amsterdam, on an express he received from the Marquis de Grana parted for Vilvorde to his army there. In the mean time the States General met and have declared that, unless the French King will assure them that he will not meddle with the Barrier, they will hazard all to defend it. The French Ambassador at the Hague has given in another memorial letting them know that, though his master is not bound to the conditions of his former memorial, the time being elapsed, yet for the quiet of Europe he is content to stand by his memorial and allow them twelve days longer reckoning from the taking of Luxemburg, in which time if they agree not, he will act according as God shall bless him in the success of his arms.

This day Mr. Goodchild exhibited some articles against the Duke of Buckingham, for that he and several others came with blunderbusses breaking open his doors, etc. The Court ordered that they shall show cause why a *Supplicavit* shall not be granted. Robert Inham was this day brought up to the King's Bench bar for publishing a scandalous libel entitled *Old Simon the King*, to which he pleaded not guilty and was remanded to prison. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 88.]

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[May ?] Paper by Mr. West. As he represents it, for I knew not the place nor was concerned in the design, but he has omitted one passage, which was to his honour, viz., that they intended to plant at the heads of the principal streets some small ordnance to scour the streets, not to shed blood, which he, being a merchant, had taken or would take out of some ships into his own yard without administering any suspicion. I recollected my thoughts much sooner than Mr. Holloway did his, and therefore I am as likely to declare the truth as he, and I affirm what I have said here is true. But besides this, his character of Ferguson, who, as he knew, was by far the most guilty man in every part of the conspiracy, his acquitting Capt. Walcot from the design of the assassination, who confessed all but his acting in it, and his behaviour at the place of execution are sufficient to convince every man not resolved not be convinced that Holloway has not been ingenuous in his confession and that his angry reflections on Col. Romsey and me were made in hopes either of preventing our pardons and getting one for himself or else in revenge that we had accused him. Men who will believe only what they have a mind to may be of what opinion they please. [*Imperfect, being paged* 5, *the preceding* 4 *pages being missing. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 437, *No.* 139.]

[May ?] Zachariah Bourne to the King. Being released on bail (29 Sept., 1683) and a great deal being demanded of me by the messenger for fees, which I am informed by some of the messengers your Majesty pays, I desire to know your pleasure whether I must pay him. (See *Privy Council Register, Vol.* 70, *p.* 180, under 28 May, 1684.) [*Ibid. No.* 140.]

[May ?] "The names of such as teach school in and about London that are unlicensed by the Ordinary", being 67 in all, mostly being in the parishes of St. Botolph without Bishopsgate and St. Giles, Cripplegate, with notes against some of them such as, "a very poor old man who teacheth English", "poor and lame," "lame in both arms." [2¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 147.]

June 1. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition with the papers annexed of Thomas Hicks praying his Majesty to accept the surrender of the Weighmaster's place in London from the present officer and to admit him to the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 375.]

June 1. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the report dated 10 May, 1684, of the Duke of Ormonde on the petition of the Provost, Fellows and Scholars of Trinity College near Dublin, which report is calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1218. [*Ibid. p.* 376.]

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June 1. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgesses of New Windsor surrendering their charter and praying a grant of a new one with such alterations and additions as his Majesty shall think fit. [*Ibid.* *pp.* 381, 391.]

June 1. Windsor. Warrant for erecting an office of Secretary for the Admiralty and for a grant thereof to Samuel Pepys during pleasure with a salary of 500*l.* *per annum* payable quarterly. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 335, *p.* 133.]

June 2. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Sir John Lowther for a grant of such a reasonable toll on the vessels resorting to the port of Whitehaven, Cumberland, as may be sufficient for the preservation of the harbour. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 55, *p.* 375.]

June 2. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Keeper and the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench of the petition of the barbers and periwig-makers in and about London praying his Majesty, in regard of several frauds and abuses occasioned by persons never duly bound as apprentices to the art of a barber or peruke-maker and for reformation thereof, to incorporate all persons using the art of making perukes in London and seven miles thereof with the Barbers and Chirurgeons and to have several powers and authorities in the petition contained. [*Ibid.*]

June 2. Windsor. Reference to the Duke of Ormonde and the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of the Earl of Ranelagh, which reference and petition are calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books*, *Vol. VII*, *p.* 1146, where 8,000*l.* [*per ann.*] should be 80,000*l.* [1½ *pages.* *Ibid. p.* 377.]

June 2. Windsor. Warrant for the denization of Henry Jacobsen of London. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 70, *p.* 27.]

June 2. Windsor. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to make diligent search for William Smith, living in or near Spitalfields, and to take him into custody and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland to answer to what shall be objected against him concerning several treasonable practices. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 335, *p.* 142.]

June 2. Warrants in the same terms *mutatis mutandis* for taking into custody Robert Nicholas *alias* Nicholson, William Dalby *alias* Dolben and Charles Madge, living in or near Palace Yard, Westminster. Minutes. [*Ibid.*]

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June 2. Windsor. Warrant to Sir Thomas Exton, etc., for causing process to be issued for stopping the *Pelican*, information being given that she is going for the East Indies, in the same form as the warrants of 28 Feb., 15, 23 and 31 March, calendared in previous volume, *pp.* 297, 328, 335, 351. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 359, *p.* 181.]

June 2. Windsor. Warrant to Col. Strode, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, to admit and swear Ralph Whitehead to be gunner in Deal Castle in the place of William Baines, deceased. [*Ibid. p.* 182.]

June 2. Like warrants for Roger Callis to be gunner in the said castle in the place of John Willington, deceased, and for Abraham Thuss to be under-porter of the said castle in the place of Richard Neueson, deceased. Minutes. [*Ibid.*]

June 3. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench of the petition of Col. William Steward, praying his Majesty to suffer him to become tenant by lease for the King's Beams within the city and liberties of London for weighing of foreign and domestic goods, he paying therefor as much as has been paid these seven or eight years past under good City security. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 378.]

June 3. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant or the Lord Deputy of Ireland of the petition of Capt. Thomas Symonds representing his services in discovering several forfeited concealed lands in Ireland and prosecutions against him on that account and praying a grant of his Majesty's title to several lands concealed and undisposed of in co. Wicklow to James, Earl of Arley (Airlie), and Thomas Wyndham, who are entitled to the right of several '49 officers without having had satisfaction. [*Ibid. p.* 379.]

June 3. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the report dated 15 May, 1684, of the Duke of Ormonde on the reference to him of the petition of Richard Butler of Killconnell, Tipperary, which reference and report are calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1528. [1¼ *pages. Ibid.*]

June 3. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Capt. Anthony Pollard, major of the garrison in Windsor, praying that his pay may be made up again to 4*s. per diem*, which is what it was before it was reduced, with some allowance for his lodging in the Castle being taken away, or that a pension may be settled on him as other captains have had, he having served his Majesty and his father 45 years and in the most dangerous times. [*Ibid. p.* 381.]

June 3. Windsor. Warrant to the Attorney General for entering a *Nolle prosequi* on several informations against several barristers and students

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of the Middle Temple for a riot committed in or near Essex Buildings last Christmas. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 143.]

June 3. Windsor. Warrant for a new charter incorporating the borough of Richmond, Yorkshire, on the surrender of their charters, granting them the powers, liberties and lands formerly held by their predecessors, with the reservations, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*Ibid.*] *Annexed,*

The said paper of heads, among them being the following: That, to prevent the abuses formerly experienced in the election of parliament men by drinking and excesses used in procuring votes from every individual burgher, though ever so poor, the said election be for the future in the Mayor, Aldermen, Recorder and Common Council, as being the representative body of the burghers, the grants in former charters being to the burgesses in general. [*Ibid. p.* 144.]

June 3. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. The accident on the capitulation of Luxemburg about a point of time demanded by the Prince de Chimay retarded the surrender for a few days, but we are since credibly informed that a second parley was made and Marshal de Créqui took possession of the place on the 5th or 6th, whereof assurance being given to the Most Christian King, he immediately departed from Cambray for Versailles, where, 'tis said, he is safely arrived.

There being an action wherein the Earl of Clare is plaintiff and one Fox defendant, Mr. Molloy moved yesterday that Fox might have time to draw some special replication, which was granted, viz., in three or four days. Mr. Holt moved for the Duke of Buckingham, who himself appeared in Court, to the articles exhibited against him by John Goodchild, saying that Goodchild having been the Duke's bailiff the Duke had contracted with him to make provisions for allowing considerable (*sic*) for it, that the Duke returning from a journey into Lincolnshire to his house at Cliveden near Maidenhead found not any hay for his horses, nor victuals for his house, that inquiring what was become of his bailiff he heard he was hard by, but he himself had only a switch in his hand and, as for blunderbusses, he never did nor would willingly ride without them. In conclusion his Grace entered into a recognizance of 1,000*l.* with two sureties in 500*l.* each to appear that day twelvemonth and in the meantime to keep the peace towards Goodchild.

The town of Windsor agreed yesterday to surrender their charter.

One day this week his Majesty goes for Winchester and will stay there three or four days, during which her Majesty comes here. Her Royal Highness has been very much indisposed but is now something better and in a few days will prepare for Tunbridge.

Since the affairs of the Admiralty have been under the

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management of his Royal Highness, he has rectified several abuses in it.

A declaration is filed against Mr. Oates at the suit of his Royal Highness, to which he must plead in three or four days.

French letters of the 12th, arrived here this evening, advise us that the Prince de Chimay beat a second parley on the 3rd and next day the articles of capitulation were signed and hostages given, according to which the garrison were to march the 7th. The conditions were four pieces of cannon, two mortar pieces, colours flying and drums beating to march either to Mons or Namur. The Governor had special conditions for his own paternal estate, very honourable ones. The French are gone from Genoa, but there are no letters from the town, so we can give no particulars of their proceedings, but from Genoa (? Gerona) we have advice that the Spaniard suffered them to enter the place and beat them out with the loss of some thousands and forced them to raise the siege. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 89.]

June 5. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Duke of Newcastle. His Majesty commands me in answer to yours of the 25th in favour of the corporation of Nottingham to acquaint you that, the fines not being set on the rioters there, he does not think it fit to grant any part of them, but that, when they are set and paid into the Exchequer, he will consider the losses of the said corporation and your interposition on their behalf. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 109.]

June 5. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. The taking of Luxemburg is now out of dispute, for Flanders and Holland letters arrived here unanimously confirm the same. The Prince de Chimay marched out yesterday sennight about 9 in the morning, with the garrison of about 800 men, the remainder of 2,500 that were in the place when it was first besieged, with bag and baggage, four pieces of cannon, two of which the Marshal de Créqui presented to the Prince de Chimay, a mortar piece and two waggons, etc. The Prince of Orange is forming a camp near Vilvorde, where together with the Spaniards he will have an army of 35,000 men. The Marquis de Grana is extremely afflicted at the loss of Luxemburg, being one of the strongest places in his government and the only passage he had into Germany, especially that the Dutch troops, for the maintenance of which he is at above 50,000 crowns *per* month charge, should lie still and never strike a blow.

Yesterday morning the verdict was given in for Esquire Neale against Lady Ivay (Ivy) and 'tis thought some of her witnesses will be prosecuted for forgery. The Attorney General desired judgment against the corporation of St. Ives, Cornwall, in the *Quo warranto*, etc. The Court answered he might enter what judgment he could by law.

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Peter Isam and Bromstead having deceitfully obtained 30*s*. of the charity money given to the King's Bench prisoners and confessing the same are ordered to stand in the pillory at Westminster and before the Royal Exchange.

Counsel for Mrs. Cellier moved for an arrest of judgment. The Court ordered a copy of their exceptions to be given to the Attorney General and that he have time to speak to it. The King's counsel moved against the town of Scarborough, a *Quo warranto* being also against them, to which they have not appeared. 'Tis ordered they should appear and plead within a week or judgment go against them.

A complaint is against Poole in Dorsetshire that no justice can be had therein and order is taken by one of the clerks of the Crown Office concerning it. Some complaint is also against the town of Wickham, Berkshire (? Buckinghamshire), the Lord Chief Justice speaking to the Attorney General to take care therein.

Today Isam and Bromstead stood in the pillory in Palace Yard.

An appeal for murder being brought against Mr. Scarlet for killing Dickenson, it was this day moved to mend the original, which the Court being unwilling to, counsel for the plaintiff told the Court it was mended already by the Cursitor, on which a rule was made for him to attend and show cause why he did so. To-day the Attorney General moved that the cause depending between the King and the Bermudas Company might be tried this term, which was granted. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No*. 90.]

June 6. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Major Martin Beckman praying, he having prosecuted by his Majesty's command —— Weston of Townesend near West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, to an outlawry for robbing Samuel Randall and having been at great charge, a grant of the said Weston's estate to Anne Edwards, his sister-in-law, in trust for the petitioner. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p*. 382.]

June 6. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General in the same terms as the petitions of the other London Companies of the petition of the Fruiterers' Company, London, submitting themselves to his Majesty and praying a grant of their former privileges. [*Ibid*.]

June 6. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Nicholas Baxter on behalf of himself and tenants showing that, the late fire at Wapping having demolished their houses and wharfing and the bank or wall next the river, they erected a great part of a new wharf, not injurious to the Thames, for preventing the breaking in of the water, and that the Water Bailiff, under pretence of power from the Lord Mayor, cut and pulled down

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part of the said wharf without giving them notice and is pulling down the rest, which leaves the bank or wall open to the Thames and endangers the falling of the adjoining houses, and praying that the examination of their allegations might be referred to the Attorney General and the proceedings of the Water Bailiff stayed till further order. [*Ibid.*]

June 6. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor and Aldermen of Lyme Regis. The bearer, John Tassel, having formerly served as chief mate to the *Royal Charles* and being reduced to great necessity by his late trading losses at sea, his Majesty directs me in his name very effectually to recommend him to you, not only to be admitted for the present to assist his aged father in the place of clerk of St. Margaret's there, but to succeed him when it shall become void by his death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 109.]

June 6, Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. The King, having considered the account you gave him of the receipts and payments of the Duchy of Lancaster, would have you send him the names of the respective persons to whom the money is paid, with a particular account of the nature of the payments, whether by way of pension or otherwise. [*Ibid. p.* 110.]

June 6. Windsor. Warrant for a patent for 14 years in England, Ireland, Wales and Berwick to John Clignet of Limerick for his invention of a new device or engine much like a calash with two or more wheels, wherein one or more may travel with great ease and safety, in which two particulars it differs much from any coach or calash hitherto invented. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 145.]

June 6. Windsor. The Duke of York to the Princess of Orange. (Printed in *Dalrymple, Vol. II, Appendix, Part I, p.* 57.) [3 *pages. Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 103.]

June [7-]17. Saumur. A. Wither to Sir Joseph Williamson. Recommending the bearer, who, being too much at leisure for the church's and his own advantage, entertains some thoughts of seeking an asylum in England. The writer has passed some time at Saumur conducting a son of Lord Wharton's and Esquire Moore's. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 1.]

June 7. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to search for and apprehend William Snow, with his papers, and bring him before Secretary Godolphin or some of the Justices to be examined concerning certain treasonable and dangerous practices against his Majesty and the government, whereof he stands accused. With memorandum that this warrant was written by Mr. Bridgeman

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at the Earl of Sunderland's office. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 284.]

June 7. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Dorothy Wheeler, relict and executrix of Sir Charles Wheeler, praying that a bond of 800*l.* delivered by her late husband on his carrying over 1,000 muskets to the Leeward Islands, distributed by him according to his instructions to the inhabitants, may be cancelled and she discharged of the said 800*l.*, in regard he was recalled before the time allowed by his Majesty for payment of the money the muskets cost, his Majesty retaining a gracious sense of the services of the petitioner's late husband. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 388.]

June 7. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Sir William Kingsmill for a pardon, being found guilty of the manslaughter of Mr. Haslewood. [*Ibid. p.* 384.]

June 7. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Huntingdon. I desire you not to dispose of the place of Standard Bearer to the Band of Pensioners till I have spoken to you about it, having a friend of mine to recommend who is in all respects qualified for it and will be ready to accept it on what terms you think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 110.]

June 7. Windsor. Warrant to the Justices of Assize for the Home circuit for inserting in the next pardon for the Home circuit without any condition of transportation Elizabeth Tyman, widow, at the last Surrey assizes found guilty of the manslaughter of Hannah Tyman and sentenced to death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 146.]

June 8. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General in the same terms as the petitions of the other London Companies of the petition of the Painterstainers' Company, London, submitting themselves to what regulations his Majesty shall direct. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 384.]

June 9. Windsor. Warrant for the denization of Jacob Flieger. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 146.]

June 10. Warrant to Capt. Richardson, Keeper of Newgate, to receive into custody from on board the *Catherine* yacht, Capt. Davys commander, Sir Thomas Armstrong, outlawed for high treason, and to keep him safely. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 286.]

June 10. Warrant to Capt. Davys to deliver to Capt. Richardson Sir Thomas Armstrong, now in his custody on board the *Catherine* yacht. [*Ibid.*]

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June 10. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor of Coventry. His Majesty having by order in Council directed that some of the members of the corporation of Coventry be removed, I enclose the order that you may put the same in execution accordingly. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 111.]

June 10. Windsor. Warrant to Sir John Cordell and Thomas Waldegrave to search in the house of John Catesby, Mayor of Sudbury, Suffolk, and also in the houses of Daniell Cooke, William King and John Gibbon, Aldermen, for seditious letters and papers and to keep safe any found till on an account of their proceedings they shall have received further directions. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 147.]

June 11. The further information of Col. Romsey. Sir Thomas Armstrong was at the meeting at Shephard's, when I was there, and undertook to view the Savoy and Mews to see in what posture the soldiers were and how easy or difficult it would be to surprise them. Sir Thomas told me that Gibbons had acquainted him that Mr. Row and he had been to see the Earl of Bedford's garden and told him it was a fit place to take off the King and Duke at. Sir Thomas came to me the Sunday night after the fire at Newmarket and told me he just came from Ferguson and that, notwithstanding they returned so soon, Ferguson did not doubt to have men ready by that time to do the business and desired me to go with him to Ferguson's lodging in his coach. There Ferguson told me the same, but that they wanted money, Mr. Charleton not being to be found, on which Sir Thomas desired me to lend some and he would see me repaid and said, if he had been in stock, he would have done it himself. On their persuasion I went to my house, I think in Sir Thomas' coach, and brought 40 guineas. He repeated he would see me repaid. Several times after he told me Ferguson had my money and wondered I would not go to him to receive it. After the discovery Sir Thomas came one night and told me he wondered I was not gone and importuned me to be gone with the first and in the meantime to keep close, for I was mightily hunted after. Sir Thomas came frequently to my house, but we never had any discourse but in general how bad things were, that something must be done shortly or we should be all lost. He used to tell me how the Scottish affair moved. He was at my house with the Duke of Monmouth and Ferguson, but nothing passed in my hearing but general complaints of our condition. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 2.]

June 11. Minutes of the proceedings of the Privy Council. Present, Lord Keeper, Lord President, Lord Privy Seal, Duke of Ormonde, Earl of Rochester, Mr. Godolphin, Sir L. Jenkins. (Evidence of Col. Romsey to the same effect as in his above information.)

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Sir T. Armstrong called in. Asked when he left England. As soon as he could get away. Was away about ten months. Denies to answer what he knows of the conspiracy. Confesses he was often at Shephard's meeting. Saw Ferguson several times. Knew nothing of assassinating the King. Knew Ferguson lay at the cutler's in Covent Garden. Sir Thomas to be kept close, nobody to come near him or speak with him, but in his [keeper's] presence and hearing. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 433, *No.* 8, *p.* 39.]

[June 11 ?] Abstract of information against Sir Thomas Armstrong. Shepard says Sir Thomas met the Duke of Monmouth and others at his house and consulted about seizing the guards and he was informed that the Duke of Monmouth, Lord Grey and Sir Thomas walked about one end of the town that night and gave an account that they had found them very remiss.

Col. Romsey informs that he found Sir Thomas and the lords at Mr. Shepard's, when he came with a message from Lord Shaftesbury. Ferguson being at his house Sir Thomas often visited him.

West says he was told either by Romsey or Ferguson that Sir Thomas offered to engage if Romsey would and that in case of a general insurrection Sir Thomas would the night before attempt to kill the Duke of York by going to him with a pretence to discover some plot against him.

Bourn says the persons that used to come to Ferguson were Sir Thomas two or three times a day, etc.

West says Goodenough went to Armstrong on the occasion of dividing the City.

Lord Howard says the Duke of Monmouth and Lord Grey seemed to be very big with expectation of some great thing to be attempted on the day of the King's coming from Newmarket, on which day Sir Thomas was not to be found till the King's coaches were come into town and [he] believes he was to have headed that party. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 3.]

June 11. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Lieut. Richard Bingham praying, he having quitted the French service on his Majesty's proclamation, a grant of such a pension as has been granted to other officers of the like quality, he having fallen sick presently after he quitted that service and been so rendered uncapable of returning and receiving then the benefit of his Majesty's favour. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 384.]

[Before 12 June.] Salvo offered by the city of Oxford for saving the liberties and privileges of the University "*ante hac* legitime *usitatas.*" [*Latin. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 4.]

June 12. The Bishop of Oxford to Sir L. Jenkins. Last Wednesday night I had your letter and yesterday, the Vice-Chancellor being

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not very well, Dr. Haughton, his Pro-vice-chancellor, Doctors Wallis and Levett and myself went over to Rycote, where we laid before Lord Abingdon the proceedings of the University in the late affairs of the town charter, which had been disingenuously represented by the agents of the city. First we showed what vexation and pressure the University was under in the perpetual disturbance given them in the execution of the night walk, on which the peace and good government not only of the University but of the city depend. 2. We showed him that out of the study of peace and good neighbourhood we have forborne on the surrender of the charter to make any complaints of the encroachments and injuries offered by the city and have not pressed any forfeiture of any of their privileges nor sought advantage to ourselves. 3. We showed that in this most concerning point of the night walk the University neither have nor do desire any enlargements of their rights nor diminution of those of the city, but, out of respect of those of the city who clamoured at the charter of King Charles, proposed the regulation made by King James, which is particularly for the ease of the city. 4. We added that for a farther removal of jealousy the University will not press that the clause they desire for the salving of their rights should be new or enlarged, but will acquiesce in that of King James' charter to the city, his Majesty's injunction and command being subjoined to it that the Mayor, officers and inhabitants of the city shall not disturb the University officers in their night walk and the execution of their duty for the peace and good government of this place, and the University will waive the naming of the regulation of 10 *Jac.* or any particular charter. Lastly we added that, if the University be hearkened to in this their most equal desire, they shall not oppose the increase in the number of Aldermen so they be not made by charter Justices, which will be to the prejudice of the University and not for the King's service, nor will the University resist their having four horse fairs for so many single days, provided the place be Thames Street, which leads to the high bridge and Broken Haies, and that the rights of the University in governing the market be not infringed. His lordship seemed to think our allegations and proposals reasonable, but desired a copy of our draft concerning the night watch might be left with him, the copy whereof is enclosed. The Attorney General having already declared his opinion against the regulation of 10 *Jac.*, we thought it not advisable to insist on it, and, the salvo offered for our privileges being clogged with the word *legitimis*, we thought it best to sit down by the terms of King James' charter to the city with the enclosed mandate added. Lord Abingdon will be here on Monday and promises to give us his resolution. We thought this very morning to have despatched Doctors Wallis and Levett towards London, as you directed, but, Lord Abingdon having desired respite till Monday, we know not what measures to take and

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therefore expect his pleasure. In the meantime you will favour us with your interest with Mr. Attorney, that we may have justice done and, if no regard can be had of us in reference to our night walk, that we may have the benefit of his Majesty's determination in Council that there should be no innovations in the city charter, and, as we are content to be as we were, so should they be. I wish an end were put to this affair. [2¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 5.] *Enclosed,*

The said salvo offered by the University and the clause for preventing tumults and settling the night watch proposed by the University the second time. [*Latin. Ibid. Nos.* 5 I, II.]

Draft of the said salvo. [*Ibid. No.* 6.]

June 12. Windsor. Grant of the office of Chief Ranger of Enfield Chace during pleasure to the Duke of St. Albans in reversion after the determination of the interest of Henry Coventry. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 147.]

June 12. Windsor. Warrant to the Lord Deputy, the Catholic King having by his ambassador desired to recruit the Irish tercio or regiment under the command of Don Hugo O'Donnell, for forthwith issuing orders authorizing the said Don Hugo or such officers as he shall appoint to levy recruits in Ireland for the said regiment and to transport them into Spain. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 30.]

June 13. Windsor. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to search for and take into custody Joseph Hayes and bring him with his books of accounts before Secretary Godolphin to be examined concerning several treasonable practices whereof he stands accused. With memorandum that the warrant was writ at Windsor and sent to London, and the alteration of books of accounts and striking out "cash" I did by Dr. Wynn's orders. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 285.]

June 13. Windsor. References to the Attorney General of the petitions of the Distillers' Company of London and the Girdlers' Company of London, submitting themselves to his Majesty's pleasure. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *pp.* 385, 386.]

June 13. Hampton Court. The Earl of Sunderland to the Attorney General. His Majesty has rejected a petition by the Bermudas Company for stopping proceedings on the *Quo warranto* against them, and ordered me to signify his pleasure to you that you proceed on such *Quo warranto* forthwith by demanding judgment against them, but when the said judgment is given he would have you forbear entering the same till further order. I am also to remind you of the prosecution against the charter of the Massachusetts, which his Majesty would have you proceed on with all expedition. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 111.]

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June 13. Hampton Court. Warrant for a charter of incorporation of the borough and parish of Buckingham on the surrender of the former charter with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 30.] *Annexed,*

The said paper setting out in parallel columns the heads of the old charter and the additions and alterations for the new charter, with the opinion of the Attorney General at foot. Among them is to have a haire market for cattle on every Saturday. [*Nearly* 4 *pages. Ibid. p.* 31.]

June 13. Warrant to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, after reciting that the King had thought fit that Daniel Macarty, William Marshall, William Napier, Charles Parry and John Atwood, who were convicted as Popish priests, should be inserted in the late pardon for convicts in Newgate in order to their being transported beyond seas, for their delivery, as soon as they shall have pleaded their pardon, to Charles Beake, messenger, to be carried on ship-board. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 148.]

June 13. Windsor. Warrant to Thomas Beake for receiving the persons named in the last warrant and delivering them to the master of the vessel, in order to their transportation. [*Ibid.*]

June 13. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a patent constituting James, Earl of Perth, during pleasure, High Chancellor and principal and sole Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland, in place of George, Earl of Aberdeen, whose patent is recalled. [*Over* 2 *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 373.]

June 13. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a gift to James, Earl of Perth, High Chancellor, of a pension of 1,500*l.* sterling during pleasure to be paid at Whitsunday and Mertinmes by equal portions, the first payment to be at Mertinmes next. [1½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 376.]

June 13. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a patent constituting George, Earl of Linlithgow, Justice General during pleasure. [1½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 377.]

June 13. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a gift of a pension to George, Earl of Linlithgow, Justice General, of a pension of 600*l.* sterling during pleasure to be paid at Whitsunday and Mertinmes by equal portions, the first payment to be at Mertinmes next. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 379.]

June 13. Windsor Castle. Commission to Col. James Douglas, brother to the Marquess of Queensberry, to be colonel of the regiment of Guard. [*Ibid.*]

June 13. Windsor Castle. List of the persons whose names are to be inserted in the new commission for the Privy Council of Scotland. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 381.]

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June 13. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a commission to the persons named in the above list to be lords of the Privy Council of Scotland with the powers therein mentioned. [5 *pages. Ibid. p.* 383.]

June 13. Windsor. Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. (Printed in *Wodrow, Vol. IV, p.* 29.) [1½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 388.]

June 13. Windsor Castle. Warrant for the presentation of James Fall, the King's Historiographer for Scotland, to be Principal in the College of Glasgow and parson in the Church of Govan, the Principal of the said College being in the last foundation thereof by James VI declared parson of Govan. [*Over* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 389.]

June 14. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Robert, Lord Hunsdon, praying in consideration of the arrears of his pension of 500*l. per annum* amounting to 3,000*l.* a grant of the inheritance of certain houses built on his Majesty's waste on the Dennes near Yarmouth, to which the town can pretend no title and for which the inhabitants pay no rent but the title is wholly in his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 385.]

June 14. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Joseph Rawson of Aylesbury, muster-master of Buckinghamshire, for a grant to him and his heirs of certain lands in Kent to the value of about 20*l. per annum* concealed from the Crown. [*Ibid. p.* 394.]

June 14. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir John Lanier. I wrote to you some weeks past that his Majesty would have you come over to give him an account of affairs in that island, but, having heard nothing from you, I thought it requisite, being my former letter may have miscarried, to renew his Majesty's pleasure to you, which is that you should on receipt hereof attend his Majesty with the first conveniency. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 112.]

June 14. Windsor. Commissions to —— Oglethorpe to be lieutenant of Capt. Edward Plowden's company in the Duke of York's regiment and to George Butler to be lieutenant of Capt. Sir John Reresby's independent foot company in garrison at York. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 111]

June 14. Windsor. Warrant for a charter reincorporating the borough of Ipswich on the surrender of their former charter with the alterations, reservations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 149.] *Annexed,*
The said paper. [*Ibid.*]

June 14. Windsor. Pardon to Sir William Kingsmill for the manslaughter of William Haslewood. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 151.]

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Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Mr. Sacheverell, Mr. Gregory and Mr. Hutchinson appearing yesterday as bound by recognizance, the Attorney General moved that a fine might be set on them and the rest concerned in the Nottingham riot, and affidavits being likewise read of their estates the Court fined Sacheverell 500, Gregory 300, Hutchinson 200, William Wilson 100 and John Sherwin 500 marks and the rest according to their estates and each also to find sureties for their good behaviour. The first seven the Court said had no business to vote either for the old or the new Mayor and as for John Sherwin the Attorney General acquainted the Court he was the principal man in carrying on the riot, which made his fine exceed the rest of the common sort.

Flanders letters of the 20th advise that they had a very hot report that, if the Dutch did [? not] sign the truce by last Sunday, Marshal Schomberg had orders to march to Brussels with his army and bombard that city, and that thereon the Marquis de Grana forthwith despatched the train of artillery to the camp and caused several bridges to be made over the river for postage of the army, in case of necessity. They add that all the Spanish horse and dragoons are drawn out of the garrison to the camp, which consists of about 3,500 men commanded by Prince Vaudemont. The Prince of Orange continues with his army encamped within half a league of Brussels. The French army is still between Lessines and Gramont and by the accessions of fresh troops is increased to about 60,000 men.

Holland letters say that the divisions there grow daily greater. Holland, Friesland, Groningen and Utrecht having agreed by plurality of voices to accept the truce on the French proposals, the States General have deputed some of their deputies to desire a longer time, to try if they could bring over the three other Provinces, to which he returned but short answer, that delays were dangerous, for the armies might fall together by the ears in Flanders, and that he had no order to give no longer time (*sic*). The deputies of Amsterdam declare that, unless they their papers deliver up, they will not pay anything towards the charge of the army. They have sent for the Prince of Orange from Flanders to compose their difference, but he seemed not willing to come by reason of the march to the French army.

Sir Thomas Armstrong was this day brought to the King's Bench bar. His warrant of commitment was read and he commanded to hold up his hand and required what he had to say why execution should not be awarded against him, he being outlawed for high treason, and, the Attorney General having prayed an award for him to be executed, he answered he had been out of the kingdom and did not know of an outlawry and prayed that the statute of Edw. VI might be read, which imports that in case of outlaws, if they come in in twelve months and surrender, they should be admitted to a trial by twelve men and,

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if acquitted by them, they should be so to all intents. This the Court overruled, he not having surrendered but being taken. He then demanded justice, which the Court told him he should have exactly done him and that he should be executed next Friday as a traitor for high treason and so ordered a rule for his execution. His daughter was committed for saying in Court they would murder her father, but, before the Court rose, she was discharged without fees. [3½ *pages. Admiralty*, 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*) 2, *No.* 91.]

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Additional Instructions to the Secret Committee of the Privy Council [in Scotland].

1. You are to consider the most effectual methods for raising a competent force from the northern shires and Highland clans for preventing and suppressing commotions and for their maintenance out of Fife and other southern and western shires and for appointing committees in Fife and those southern and western shires, who shall be free of their proportions of the burden.

2. You are to draw and send up to pass the King's hand a warrant for taking pledges from all suspected persons.

3. You are to draw up an Act of general pardon with express exceptions of the most guilty.

4. You are to examine the matter of the late conspiracy by torture and other effectual means.

5. You are to inquire whether the indulged ministers have observed the instructions and rules prescribed and, if not, you are to proceed against them according to law.

6. You are to consult what proportion is fit to be exacted of the fines on those guilty of ecclesiastical disorders and propose the same to the Council and consider the most proper and effectual means for inbringing thereof to the Treasury and likewise the most proper methods for recovering any public moneys yet owing by collectors and others and not yet paid into the Treasury.

7. You are to consider how the impositions granted to several boroughs may be brought into the Exchequer in order to the maintaining of more forces to secure the peace.

8. You are to assist the Treasurer and Treasurer Deput in searching for the estates, crimes and merits of the vassals of the late Earl of Argyle who are not confirmed.

9. You are to order the Lieutenant to disarm all disaffected persons in the shires of Argyle and Tarbet with their men, tenants and servants and search for the late Earl of Argyle's writs and arms, and order all the castles or strong houses in the said shires, which belonged to the late Earl and are not garrisoned, to be demolished.

10. You are to give all due encouragements to the Highland and Border commissions.

11. You are to order strict musters to be made and cause

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punctual payment to be made of all provisions and quarters both by officers and soldiers and take care that what is already owing to the country be paid out of the three months' arrears, so far as it is due by officers and soldiers then in our service to whom any of those arrears is due.

12. You are to make strict inquiry into the crime of bribing any of our officers and bring the same to trial.

13. You are to consider what is done in reference to the adjusting of trade betwixt the two kingdoms and what is requisite for bringing the same to a conclusion.

14. You are to call for an account of what is done in reference to the militia and of those who have accepted their commissions and who have not.

15. You are to take care that the laws be put in execution against those who have fled out of the kingdom and are under suspicion of crimes, and concur with the Treasurer and Treasurer Deput in bringing in the rents of the estates of fugitives and in executing the sentences of judicatures against men or women.

16. For preventing seditious correspondencies betwixt disaffected persons you are to take care that no public posts be suffered to pass but such as are allowed by authority.

17. You are to consider the Marquess of Montrose's claim of 16,320*l.* Scots as the remnant of a decreet of parliament yet due to him out of the estate of the late Marquess of Argyle and, if you find the same to be truly resting, you are to report your opinion how the same may be paid out of the compositions of the unconfirmed vassals of the lands of Cowall.

18. You are to assist the Clerk Register in bringing in the registers of Council, Session, Great and Privy Seals and the registers of all inferior offices formerly accustomed to be brought in, with all records and registers of parliament or commissions of parliament not yet delivered to him.

19. Whereas some of the officers of the army have been prevented from attending their charges by executing commissions from the Treasurer and Treasurer Deput for bringing in of fines or selling or disposing of the moveables of rebels, you are to take care that none of them be employed hereafter in uplifting or intromitting with any such money or disposing of any such moveables but that, when they are sent on any commission from the Council to judge any delinquents, the Treasurer and Treasurer Deput appoint commissaries to intromit with and be comptable to them for the same. [*Over* 3 *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 392.]

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Additional instructions to the Treasurer and Treasurer Deput.

1. Whereas we have reserved to ourself by our signature of the estate of Argyle, dated 17 March, 1681–2, several superiorities, of which we are to give signatures to the respective vassals the circumstances of whose merits we cannot particularly know, we

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authorize and require you to pass them for such compositions as you shall think proper with respect to their merits.

2. Whereas by the forfeiture of the late Earl of Argyle the estates of all his vassals that were not confirmed by us in their rights fell to us and their cases are very different, some having continued firmly in our service whilst others openly took part with our enemies, we authorize and require you either to compone with them or take the benefit of their forfeiture as you with advice of the Secret Committee shall find they have deserved.

3. Whereas the benefits to us by the ward and relief, etc., of vassals are often concealed, we authorize you to give not exceeding the fifth part thereof to such as shall discover and make effectual any such ward, etc.

4. You are to make inquiry of any Crown or Church lands in the hands of disaffected persons and use your utmost endeavours for recovering the same.

5. (About appointing commissaries as in the last of the foregoing instructions to the Secret Committee.)

6. Requiring them to retain 200*l.* the first and second year and 100*l.* the third year out of the 300*l.* allowed for the expenses of Church affairs for re-imbursing into the Treasury the 500*l.* sterling allowed by warrant of 24 July, 1683, to the Archbishop of St. Andrews.

7. You are to dispose the keeping of our public rooms and of furnishing necessaries thereto to the person you think most fit.

8. Whereas several under the notion of our particular servants enjoy several privileges and immunities notwithstanding they are not actually employed in our service, you are to recall all patents for the tradesmen being our ordinary servants in their respective trades and to employ such others as you find most qualified, allowing them the privileges and immunities belonging to our servants so long as they shall be employed in our service.

9. You are to cause a commission to be prepared for another macer of Council and Exchequer to be maintained out of the fees and perquisites of the present macers.

10. You are to farm or set in tack any mine or mineral belonging to us, reserving not under a tenth of the value.

11. You are to cause the Countess of Nithsdale to rest satisfied with her pension or at her option to take herself to the gift of forfeitures granted to that family, we being resolved not to allow both.

12. You are to allow our Advocate his proportion of the public burdens in the same manner as the Lords of Session.

13. You are to pay no more to the Earl of Morton or Lord Aberdour, either principal or interest, of the 6,000*l.* sterling bestowed on that family till they resign all pretensions to the earldom of Orkney and the lands, etc., thereto belonging.

14. You are to intimate to the Master General of the Ordnance and cause him to intimate to the Lieut.-General of the forces that he may inform the officers concerned that it is our pleasure

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to have our forces forthwith sufficiently armed and that in future the captains oblige themselves to keep or return the full number of the arms of their companies or troops except those broken or lost in actual service.

15. You are to raise a process for reducing the tacks or other rights of the abbacies of South Dunfermline and Cauldingham, the lordships of Kylsmuire in Ayrshire and Yla and any other lands to which we have a legal title. [2½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 395.]

June 14. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer, John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput, and the Generals, Colonels and Lieut.-Colonels, appointed commissioners for the disposal of the invalid money. Appointing them commissioners for the disposal thereof conform to the instructions sent therewith. [*Ibid. p.* 398.]

June 14. Windsor Castle. The said instructions. They are to receive all the moneys hitherto retained out of the pay of the officers and soldiers and give out the same on good security and follow the same course in the management of sums hereafter received and not dispose of more than the interest of the said money save on very extraordinary occasions and even in such cases they are to proceed with a tender regard to the continuance and increase of the stock. They are to allow 50*l.* sterling to John Ballantine in respect of his palpable disability in the King's service, and are to admit none to any share of the said money but such as have actually served fifteen years or have been disabled in or by reason of the service. No relief is to be administered out of that money or the interest thereof to any but such as actually contribute. The persons appointed to receive a subsistence are to be allowed, every foot soldier one half of his former pay, every horseman and dragooner one third of his former pay, such as have been in the Lifeguard of Horse half their pay, if gentlemen, but if they are not one third thereof. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 399.]

June 14. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput. Warrant, after reciting that Roderick McKenzie of Prestonhall, clerk to the commissioners for the disposal of the estate of the late Earl of Argyle, has been at great trouble and pains at the discovery of the rents and debts and otherwise and that all the benefit he craves is only 3 *per cent.* of the sums for which localities are given to the creditors and half a year's rent of the lands allocated to the donators, for taking care that no signature be passed in the decreets till he be satisfied at the above rates. [*Ibid. p.* 401.]

June 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter granting to John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput, his heirs and assigns, all the few duties specified and superiorities of the same, which were allocated to belong to

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his Majesty by the commissioners for determining the claims of the creditors of the late Marquess and late Earl of Argyle in satisfaction of the debt due by the said late Marquess to Robert Hamilton of Monkland, which fell in his Majesty's hands by the forfeiture of the said Hamilton, which few duties and superiorities were disposed to his Majesty by the trustees for dividing the late Earl of Argyle's estate amongst the creditors conform to the decreet of the said commissioners of 20 March last and the disposition made by the said trustees to his Majesty in obedience to the said decreet, with a new gift thereof and a ratification of the above decreet and disposition and with the erection of the premises into a barony. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 402.]

June 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter of new infeftment to Sir Thomas Stewart of Gairntullie and the heirs male of his body with remainders over of the lands and barony of Strabrawin on the resignation of the said Sir Thomas, with a new gift and an erection of the premises into the barony of Strabrawin, for the yearly payment of the few duties contained in the former infeftments with some augmentation to be paid to his Majesty and the prebendaries of the Chapel Royal. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 404.]

June 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter to Sir John McLean of Dowart, his heirs male and assigns, of the lands of Mull, Morbern and others adjacent which the commissioners for regulating the forfeiture of the late Marquess and Earl of Argyle have appointed to belong to the said Sir John at the rental of 5,679*l.* 10*s.* Scots conform to their decreet and determination on probation of the rental adduced before them, which by the said determination is found short of his Majesty's former donation of 500*l.* sterling to the said Sir John in 320*l.* 10*s.* Scots, his entry to the rents and profits of all the said lands and others being for the year 1682; with a ratification of the said determination and a gift of all his Majesty's title to the premises and an erection thereof into the barony of Dowart; and requiring presentations to be directed of the said Sir John, etc., as immediate tenants and vassals to the Bishop of the Isles or any immediate superior of the said late Earl in any of the above lands. [1½ *pages. Docquet. Ibid. p.* 405.]

June 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter, in consideration of the services of Sir Ewen Cameron of Lochzeill and his predecessors, granting to John Cameron, his eldest son, and his heirs male and of tailzie and assigns the lands and barony of Lochzeill, Glenleigh and Locharkaig, which were holden by the said Sir Ewen of the late Earl of Argyle and are fallen into his Majesty's hands by his forfaulture, with an assignment of all his Majesty's rights by virtue of the said forfaulture, with a new erection of the premises into the barony of Lochzeill and a change of the holding thereof from simpleward to taxtward. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 407.]

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June 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter in consideration of the services and sufferings of Col. Alexander McNaughton, deceased, to John McNaughton, his only son, and his heirs of the twenty shilling land of Succoch, Cailiebeg in the Brae of Glenfyn and divers other lands, with the office of bailliary and stewartrie of Glenshirrow, Latter and Glenfyn, with the rights of patronage of the kirk of Kilmorich and with certain houses in Campbeltoun, which lands, etc., pertained to Archibald, late Earl of Argyle, either in superiority or property and are now in his Majesty's hands by virtue of his forfaulture and through want of lawful confirmations timously obtained by the said Alexander McNaughton from his Majesty before the said doom of forfeiture or the committing of the crimes whereon the same proceeded, with an erection of the premises into the barony of McNaughton. [*Nearly 2 pages. Docquet. Ibid. p.* 408.]

June 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter to Lauchlan McLean of Brolos, his heirs male and assigns, of all the twenty pound land of Brolos fallen in his Majesty's hands and at his gift by the forfeiture of the late Earl of Argyle. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 410.]

June 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter to Allan McLean, eldest son to Ewen McLean of Ardgour, and his heirs and assigns, of the lands and barony of Ardgour fallen in his Majesty's hands and at his gift as part of the estate of Archibald, late Earl of Argyle, through the doom of forfeiture against him, with a new gift and a change of the holding from simpleward to taxtward. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 411.]

June 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter to John McLean, brother to Lauchlan McLean of Torloisk, and his heirs of the two merk land and half merk land of Kaymes and Tarbett in the island of Jura, reserving to Katherine Campbell, his mother, her life rent thereof, which lands were formerly holden by him of the late Earl of Argyle and the superiority whereof is by the charter of 17 March, 1681–2, annexed to the Crown, with a new gift. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 412.]

June 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter in favour of Colin McKenzie, collector of the cess and excise in Rossshire, his heirs and assigns, of the lands of Dunmoir and Clackwraik pertaining to Alexander McMillan, the lands of Crear and Ardishack pertaining to Donald McNeill and the lands of Arichonan pertaining to John McNeill, all holden by them either mediately or immediately of Archibald, late Earl of Argyle, and fallen in his Majesty's hands through his forfeiture and now gifted to the said McKenzie as a creditor to the forenamed persons under reversion by payment of his debt within two years after the date thereof, which reversion is conceived in favour of their other creditors. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 413.]

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June 14. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant for admitting Samuel Gorge to be a King's Counsel. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 292.]

June 14. Windsor. The same to the same. Warrant, after reciting that by the charters of incorporation to the city of Londonderry no power is granted them to take the acknowledgement of statutes staple, which has been granted to many less considerable towns in Ireland, and that only one yearly fair is granted them and that they have requested two additional fairs to be granted them and that by their present charter the sessions are to be held before three Justices of the city of whom the Mayor and Recorder are always to be two, which has occasioned some inconvenience by reason of the Recorders being often absent at the terms at the times when the sessions should be held, for letters patent to be passed granting to the corporation of Londonderry that there should be a guild of the staple there consisting of a Mayor and two Constables of the Staple to be chosen by the Mayor and Corporation and such a number of the merchants of the city as to the Mayor and Constables shall seem meet, with power to take bonds and recognizances for debts commonly called statutes staple to be acknowledged before them and to do all other things in as ample a manner as the Mayor and Constables of the Staple in Dublin have used, and further granting to them two additional yearly fairs to be held on 6 June and three days after and 6 Oct. and three days after at the rent of 20*s. per annum*, and also a clause is to be inserted in the said letters patent enabling the Justices of the city to hold the sessions, whereof the Mayor or Recorder to be always one, with a restriction only that they shall not proceed in any capital cause unless both the Mayor and the Recorder be both personally present. [3 *pages. Ibid.*]

June 15. Reference to the Attorney General in the like manner as the petitions of the other Companies of the petition of the Turners' Company, London. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 386.]

June 15. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Mary Marshall, widow, for a patent of a new invention for making, staining and colouring stuff to such a degree that it has been taken for tapestry hangings, her husband lately deceased having invented the same. [*Ibid.*]

June 16. The examination of Joseph Hays of London, linen-draper. Has a brother at Amsterdam, to whom he remits money, sometimes by bills. Does not know Henry Lawrance and remembers not whether he ever remitted money to him. Asked if a letter was in his handwriting he refused to answer. Says he never was at

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Amsterdam, nor has been out of England these fourteen years. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 7.]

June 16. Receipt from Sarah Castle to Matthew Bluck for 26*l.* 10*s.* [*Ibid. No.* 8.]

June 16. Warrant to the Keeper of the Gatehouse to receive into his custody and keep safely Joseph Hayes, linen-draper, committed for high treason for knowingly holding correspondence with and relieving Sir Thomas Armstrong, who fled beyond the seas for high treason, whereof he is since attainted. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 287.]

June 16. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor of Doncaster. His Majesty, having received an account of some disorders in the town on the 11th, and having seen the letters and papers from you and the officers of the company to Sir John Reresby, wonders much greater care was not taken and in a more particular manner to prevent the same, which might easily have been done. He has given directions to the Lord Chief Justice, when he goes the circuit, to examine into the matter and in the meantime his pleasure is that, if any of the soldiers be still in custody, they be immediately set at liberty and permitted to go to their company. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 113.]

June 16. Windsor. Castle. Commissions to James, Lord Drumlangrig, to be lieut.-colonel of Col. John Graham of Claverhouse's regiment of horse and captain of the new troop to be raised and added to the said regiment, and to Lord William Douglas to be lieutenant, to Capt. Francis Creichton to be cornet and to James Nasmith of Posso to be quartermaster of the said new troop. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *pp.* 414–417.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Communicating to them his intention of raising a new troop of horse and directing them to issue any lawful orders Lord Drumlangrig or any of his officers may apply for for facilitating or hastening the raising thereof. [*Ibid. p.* 418.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput. Warrant for paying the daily allowances of the officers and soldiers of the said troop with the pay of Lord Drumlangrig as lieut.-colonel and captain as the same are set down in the new establishment of the standing forces signed this day. [*Ibid. p.* 419.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. "Establishment for the pay of his Majesty's standing forces in his ancient kingdom of Scotland according to 28 days in each month and 12 months in the year." [6 *pages. Ibid. p.* 420.]

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June 16. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a commission to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput, for calling the present magistrates of burghs royal and such as have been in such offices and the representatives of such as are dead since Michaelmas, 1660, to compear before the Exchequer and exhibit and give in the accounts of the rents and revenues of the said burghs to be examined and audited. [5 *pages. Ibid. p.* 426.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Secret Committee of the Privy Council. Warrant for admitting into that Committee Alexander, Archbishop of St. Andrews, and Sir David Falconer of Newtoun, President of the College of Justice. [*Ibid. p.* 431.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. The same to the same. Warrant for giving orders and directions with the advice of the general officers for the disposal of all or any part of the forces on any extraordinary exigency. [*Ibid.*]

June 16. Windsor Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Recommending James, Marquess of Douglas, to their special care that in all his concerns before them he may meet with all the kind regard and despatch that may consist with law and justice. [*Ibid. p.* 432.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, Sir David Falconer of Newtoun, President, and the remanent Senators of the College of Justice. Recommending in similar terms to the last the Marquess of Douglas, who has or is shortly to have some suits of great importance to the well and standing of his family depending before them. [*Ibid. p.* 433.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput. Warrant for preparing and transmitting to be signed by the King the signatures necessary for securing the Earl of Middleton in the full enjoyment of the forfeiture of John Cochran of Waterside, son to Sir John Cochran of Ochiltree, which the King is pleased to bestow on him. [*Ibid. p.* 434.]

June 16. Windsor. Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal. Warrant for knighting George Drummond, Lord Provost of Edinburgh. [*Ibid. p.* 435.]

June 16. Windsor. Castle. The King to the Lord Provost and the magistrates and town council of Edinburgh. Thanking them for their great care and diligence in suppressing irregularities and disorders, especially those occasioned by the Fanatics and such as privately favour

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them in the prosecution of their factious and seditious designs, with the assurance that the continuance of their utmost endeavours for the effectual suppressing of all such disturbances is one of the chief means by which they can please him and secure the tranquillity of the orthodox clergy, which with a steady execution of the laws he in a particular manner recommends to their care. [*Ibid. p.* 436.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. The King to the Duke of Hamilton, Heretable Keeper of Holyrood House. Warrants for settling the Earl of Perth, now Chancellor, in all the lodgings which were the late Chancellor's in Holyrood House and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput, in those which were hitherto the Earl of Perth's. [*Ibid. p.* 437.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. Warrant for constituting during pleasure John, Marquess of Athole, Sheriff Principal of the shirefdome of Argyle void by the forfeiture of the late Earl of Argyle. [2½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 438.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. Warrant for constituting during pleasure —— Stewart, Sheriff of Bute, Sheriff Principal of the shirefdome of Tarbat. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 441.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. Warrant for granting during pleasure to —— Hamilton of Orbiestoune the offices and jurisdictions of the shirefship of Dunbarton and lord of the regality of Lenox vacant by the minority of Charles, Duke of Lenox, and the late decease of James, Marquess of Montrose. [*Nearly 2 pages. Ibid. p.* 441.]

June 16. Windsor Castle. Warrant, after reciting the recall of the commission of 17 May, 1681, appointing Sir William Purves and John, his son, his Majesty's solicitors (calendared in *S.P. Dom.*, 1680–81, *p.* 285), for constituting during pleasure George Bannerman and Robert Colt, advocates, his Majesty's conjunct solicitors in all his affairs as well relating to his service in all judicatures as to the concerns of the Church. [*Nearly 2 pages. Docquet. Ibid. p.* 443.]

June 16. Windsor. Castle. Warrant for a gift to Lord George Murray, youngest son to John, Marquess of Athole, his heirs and assigns, of the taxt duties of the ward, nonentry, relief and marriage of Lady Nairne, only daughter of Robert, Lord Nairne, deceased, and apparent heir of tailzie to him, there being no heirs male of his own body. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 445.]

June 17. The Bishop of Oxford to Sir Leoline Jenkins. (About Lord Abingdon having desired time till next Monday as in his last letter calendared *ante, p.* 49.) He came hither last night and said that he, having passed his honour to the town that nothing should be pressed on them in reference to the night watch, was

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desirous to preserve his promise entire and therefore, it being the cognizance of men of law whether the form proposed by the University would be such a pressure, he would advise with counsel and then give his resolution. I told him all care had been taken to avoid giving him any umbrage, that nothing is taken from the town nor added to the University nor put into the body of the charter, and that we are content with the clause of reservation of privileges as it is already in King James' charter and, whereas it is confessed on all hands that the Vice-Chancellor and proctors have and ought to have a night walk and that they have been disturbed in the execution of it, particularly in the late riot, where (though an *Ignoramus* jury would not find the bill) 300 were got together, threw stones at the proctor and threatened to kill him, crying "A Monmouth, a Monmouth," it would not be unseasonable if his Majesty, when he granted a new charter and pardoned all past treasons and misdemeanours, should command therein a better preservation of the peace for the future. If the city expected additional grants of a larger number of Aldermen and several horse fairs, it was but equal that some consideration should be had of the University, who without vanity might pretend to have deserved as well of the Crown and somewhat better than the city. Matters are now in so short a compass that, if the Lord Keeper would in a word declare that what is desired by the University does not touch Lord Abingdon's engagements nor is in itself unreasonable, I do not see what place there can be for more trouble in this affair, which has already been too tedious and importunate especially to you. Perchance, if all the *legitimes* in the city's new form were dashed out (for they are not in any other salvo of our privileges and the word is needless, for an unlawful privilege is void in itself), it might be another expedient, which might tend to give satisfaction, if it be possible to satisfy jealous minds. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 9.]

June 17. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the report dated 31 May, 1684, of the Lord Deputy on the reference to him of the petition of Anna, Viscountess Ely, concurring with the report thereon of Sir John Temple, Solicitor General of Ireland, which was that the petitioner being formerly married to Sir Andrew Owens had by him one daughter, Anna, now about ten years old, that she before her second marriage delivered to her brother John Hawkins, Thomas Watts and Margaret Oldfield as trustees for her daughter 500*l.* as part of a portion for her to be put out at interest for her use, who lent the said 500*l.* to Thomas Walcott, who with his son John by their bond dated 22 April, 1680, became bound to them in 1,000*l.* conditional for the payment of the said 500*l.* 23 April, 1682, with interest at the rate of 10 *per cent.* at the end of every six months from the date of the said bond for the use of the said Anna Owens, that the

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said Margaret Oldfield afterwards died and the said Hawkins and Watts in Trinity term, 1683, obtained judgment against the said Thomas Walcott in the Court of King's Bench in Ireland for 1,000*l.* on the said bond with 4*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* costs, on which an *elegit* issued 27 June last for extending his lands in co. Limerick, which was executed 25 Aug. last and thereby his said lands were found to be of the value of 127*l.* 5*s.* *per annum* above reprizes and a moiety thereof was delivered to the said Hawkins and Watts towards satisfaction of the said judgment, that the said Thomas Walcott 12 July, 1683, was indicted of high treason committed 2 March, 1682[–3], and was executed for the same and that, the said judgment being obtained after the said treason was committed, he conceives that the said Walcott's estate is not by law liable to the said judgment, so that the petitioner is wholly at his Majesty's mercy whether he will allow her any and what satisfaction out of the said estate towards the discharge of the said debt so due from the said Thomas Walcott. [2¼ *pages.* *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 386.]

June 18. The deposition on oath of John Marshall. He administered in 1666 or 1667 for the widow and orphans of Jacob Jones, lieutenant of the *Loyal George*, and they never received any pay or bounty money on account of her husband, but the deponent delivered the tickets, etc., concerning the said pay and bounty money with the widow's consent to Thomas Marlow, who delivered them to James Thurbourne, who stands charged in the lists in the Comptroller of the Navy's office of arrears paid in 1668 to have received 33*l.* 18*s.* for the said Jones' wages. Further if Thurbourne received the said pay, he must also have received the said bounty money because the papers of both were delivered to him and one is not paid without the other. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 10.]

June 18. The deposition on oath of William Pittocke. He went with John Spratt to James Thurbourne and demanded moneys he had received for the widow and orphans of Jacob Jones, slain in his Majesty's service, and showing him his letters of administration desired him to let him have 5*l.* in part of the moneys he had, which was paid to Spratt, and Thurbourne ordered him to come the next Monday to have an account of the residue of the money, but then answered that if Spratt would not pay back the 5*l.* he should have no account. [*Ibid. No.* 11.]

June 18. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Keeper. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that the custody of Mrs. Elizabeth Colwell, who on a writ of inquiry is lately returned a lunatic, be granted to such as the Duke of Norfolk shall appoint. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 113.]

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June 19. The Bishop of Oxford to Sir Leoline Jenkins. I am ashamed to give you so many troubles but I hope this will be the last. Lord Abingdon this afternoon being to go out of town, put the affair of the charter to this issue, that they should either accept such a charter as they had formerly without their new Aldermen or fairs or, if they would have them, allow of the form offered by the University for the peaceable exercise of the night walk. The Mayor has promised to consult his brethren and send their resolution to Sir George Pudsey and my lord says he will direct him and his brother Barker to wait on you that the Lord Keeper may be satisfied there is a mutual agreement and the charter despatched. While the militia was here mustering three days together on Tuesday night some disorder happened between the scholars and soldiers, which has cost the expulsion of two scholars, though my lord was so generous as to interpose very heartily for the saving of them. 'Tis an irrefragable argument that nothing can keep this place in order but the strengthening the hands of the Vice-Chancellor and proctors in their night walk.

Whereas you desired an account of the printers' case, I have ordered my servant to transcribe it out of the University register and send it enclosed. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 12.]

Enclosed,

The state of Bible printing as it has been of late and is now in England. During the late rebellion, the printing of Bibles having been laid in common, the prices became very reasonable, but on the restoration, the King's printers, recovering their privilege and having evacuated the like privilege which belonged to the University of Cambridge by oppressing with vexatious suits their printer, Field, and afterwards procuring the University's interest to be lodged with one Keys, whose circumstances rendered him obsequious to them, and making no reckoning of Oxford, who were employed in building their theatre, the finishing whereof was to precede all attempts of printing, took on themselves a monopoly of Bibles, especially of all the most useful and portable volumes, which they sold at very unconscionable rates, whereby the poorer sort became utterly unfurnished with them and others were exacted in which they bought, which practice continued till about five years ago, at which time, the theatre press being settled in the University and the King's printers refusing to pay them the usual rent for their forbearance of printing and also molesting them in the printing and sale of the quarto Bibles they had undertaken, Bibles in all forms were printed at the theatre in Oxford. So soon as this was done Bibles in folio, which had been sold for 6*l., fell to* 1*l.* 10*s., Bibles in quarto, which had been sold for* 13*s.* 4*d., to* 5*s. and sixpence, octavos, which had been sold for* 6*s., to* 2*s.* 8*d., duodecimos, which had sold for* 3*s., to* 1*s.* 4*d., and Testaments, which had been sold for* 1*s., to* 5*d. So*

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Books of Common Prayer *folios fell from* 8*s.* *to* 4*s.* 6*d.*, *octavos from* 1*s.* 6*d.* *to* 10*d.*, *duodecimos from* 1*s.* 4*d.* *to* 5*d.*, *and* Books of Homilies *from* 6*s.* 8*d.* *to* 3*s.* 6*d.* *Besides the lessening thus the prices of Bibles and Service Books an advantageous change has been wrought in the number of them, for now almost everyone, however indigent, is encouraged to buy and many well disposed persons have laid out considerable sums for great quantities of books to be distributed in charity to the poor, so four times as many Bibles have been printed as used to be, to the great benefit of souls and their advantage in Christian knowledge. Likewise a considerable improvement has been made in reference to trade, for, whereas great numbers of Holland Bibles were imported into England, and Scotland, Ireland and the Plantations were in a manner wholly supplied by them, all are now mostly supplied from hence. The King's printers, aggrieved at this state of things, endeavour the reinforcement of their monopoly and have preferred a bill in Chancery against the promoters of printing Bibles at Oxford, hoping thereby to set aside the right of both universities and free themselves from any check in their exorbitant proceedings for the future.*

It is conceived that not only both the universities are deeply concerned but the government may think it worth consideration, for, if this design of monopolizing Bibles and liturgies take place, not only the before experimented mischiefs but more and greater will certainly ensue. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 12 I.]

June 19. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of James de la Badie for a patent for an engine by him invented for beautifying cloths, friezes and other woollen manufactures. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 388.]

June 19. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the Bailiffs, assistants and commonalty of the borough of Godmanchester showing that they have been incorporated ever since the 14th of King John and that they have surrendered their charter, and praying a confirmation of their former privileges with such corrections as his Majesty shall think fit. [*Ibid.*]

June 19. Windsor Castle. The list of fees and pensions appointed by his Majesty to be paid by the Treasurer Principal and Treasurer Deput at Whitsunday and Mertinmes by equal portions. [*Over* 2 *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 446.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. The list of pensions appointed by his Majesty to be paid by the Treasurer Principal and Treasurer Deput. [3 *pages. Ibid. p.* 449.]

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June 19. Windsor Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, Sir David Falconer of Newtoun, Principal, and the remanent Senators of the College of Justice. Warrant for admitting Charles, Earl of Middleton, to be one of the extraordinary Lords of Session, the place of one of them being vacant by the preferment of the Earl of Perth to be Chancellor. [*Ibid. p.* 452.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput. Warrant for deleting the names of the Earl of Aberdeen and Lord Maitland out of the Exchequer rolls and declaring that neither of them is now a commissioner thereof. [*Ibid. p.* 453.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. The same to the same. Warrant for payment of 100*l.* sterling yearly to the Earl of Traquair over and above the 300*l.* in the list of pensions signed that day payable to him and of the like sum to the Earl of Kintore over and above the 300*l.* in the said list payable to the Knight Marshal, which latter sum nevertheless is to be paid to his father the said Earl of Kintore. [*Ibid.*]

June 19. Windsor Castle. The same to the same. Warrant for payment to George Bannerman and Robert Colt, the King's new solicitors, of a yearly pension of 200*l.* sterling to be equally divided betwixt them at Whitsunday and Mertinmes, the first payment to be at Mertinmes next, and for making a new settlement with them for their bearing the charges of all despatches relating to the King's services, whatever can be claimed by them on that account not to exceed 200*l.* sterling, the sum granted to the former solicitors. [*Over* 1 *page. Ibid. p.* 454.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, Sir David Falconer of Newtoun, President, and the remanent Senators of the College of Justice. Approving of the commission granted by Sir George McKenzie of Tarbett, Lord Register, to David Graham, tutor of Gorthie, to be conjunct in the office of clerk of the bills with John Wedderburn of Blacknesse, and recommending them to receive him as conjunct in the said office. [*Ibid. p.* 456.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter to James, Marquess of Montrose, his heirs and assigns, of the lands particularly described in the shirefdome of Argyle, which formerly pertained to Archibald, late Earl of Argyle, now fallen in his Majesty's hands and at his gift by the decreet of forfeiture against him, and which are that part of the forfeited estate of Argyle allocated to James, Marquess of Montrose, deceased, for himself and as assignee and having right from James, Lord Duffus, Andrew Ker and John Fullertoune, minister at Kilmodden, and to Ladies Margaret, Jean and Elizabeth Hay, daughters to the deceased Earl of Kinnoull, Robert Norvell, advocate, and Jean Bell, relict and executrix

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of the deceased William Cunningham, merchant in Glasgow, also creditors to the said late Earl, for payment of the sums owing to them by the said late Earl and the late Marquess of Argyle, which lands are now disponed by the trustees for disposal of the said estate to the said James, Marquess of Montrose, as son and heir to the said James, Marquess of Montrose, deceased, and to the remanent creditors above named, and are resigned by the said trustees in his Majesty's hands, superior thereof, for new infeftment to be granted to the said James, now Marquess of Montrose, for himself and as assignee from the remanent creditors above-named, with a ratification in favour of the said Marquess of the said decreet and the proceedings thereon, with the disposition made by the said trustees, reserving to the Crown the duties, rights and services payable out of the said lands, and declaring that the conveyance of the said forfeited lands to the said Marquess shall not prejudge him in case of eviction of the same or any part thereof to sue for payment from the said late Earl's cautioners of the sums for which they stand obliged, proportionally only to such eviction, with a new gift of the premises and a dissolution thereof from any barony or jurisdiction whereto they were annexed and an union thereof unto the lordship and regality of Montrose. [*Docquet. Over* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 457.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a commission to James Graham of Orchill and John Graham of Dougalstoun to be conjunct deputs to the now Marquess of Montrose in the jurisdiction civil and criminal of the lordship and regality of Montrose, now in his Majesty's hands and at his gift by the decease of umquhile James, Marquess of Montrose, during the nonage of the said now Marquess. [*Over* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 459.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter to John, Marquess of Athole, and to Mary, Margaret and George Brisbane, and to Sir William Nicolson of that ilk, their heirs and assigns, ilk one of them for their own parts and correspondent to their respective stated debts, of the lands of Glensyra and Glenaira and the martyships of Inschonnell and Inschkynich and the lands and barony of Ardnamurchin and the lands of Swinard, which pertained to Archibald, late Earl of Argyle, and fell in his Majesty's hands and at his gift by the doom of forfaulture against him, and by the signature of forfeiture the earldom, etc., which pertained to him were disponed to trustees for the use of his creditors, in whose favour they were obliged to denude as soon as the lands should be allocated by the Commissioners, who allocated to the said Marquess of Athole and the remanent persons above-named, creditors to the said late Earl, ilk one for their own parts conform to their respective stated debts, the lands above expressed, and decerned the said trustees to denude themselves thereof, who disponed the same in favour of the said Marquess of Athole and

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the remanent persons above-named, ilk one of them for their own parts and according to their respective debts, with a new gift of the premises and a dissolution thereof from all lordships, etc., whereto they were formerly united and an erection thereof into a free barony, and with a ratification of the said doom of forfeiture and the proceedings following thereon. [3½ *pages. Docquet. Ibid. p.* 461.]

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Warrant for a charter to Sir John Nisbett of Dirleton and his heirs male and of tailzie of the lordship and barony of Fentoun, resigned by the said Sir John, and of the lordship and barony of Innerweik principally and the lands and barony of Fairne in warrandice thereof and of the lands and barony of Thorntoune principally and the lands and barony of Dunglas in warrandice thereof, which lands and baronies of Innerweik and Thorntoune with the warrandice lands were disposed by John Wedderburne of Gosford in favour of the said Sir John, with a new gift of the premises and an erection thereof into the lordship and barony of Dirleton with a change of the holding of the baronies of Innerweik and Thorntoune from taxtward to blench. [1½ *pages. Docquet. Ibid. p.* 465.]

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Warrant for a charter to Duncan McDougal of Dunollich and his heirs male of the twenty-nine merk land of the isle of Carvora and divers other lands in the lordship of Lorne and shirefdome of Argyle holden by him of Archibald, late Earl of Argyle, and now to be holden of his Majesty by reason of the doom of forfaulture hereafter specified, and also of the two towns and lands of Lerags and divers other lands in the said shirefdome pertaining to the said Earl and fallen in his Majesty's hands and at his gift by the doom of forfeiture against the said Earl, his Majesty by the signature of forfaulture and charter following thereon having in consideration of the great sufferings of the said Duncan McDougal and his predecessors granted him so much land adjacent to the Castle of Dunollich as would amount to 100*l.* sterling to be designed by the Commissioners, who accordingly allocated the said lands and ordained the trustees to denude themselves thereof, who have done so; with a new gift of the premises and a dissolution from all earldoms, etc., to which they were united and an erection thereof into a free barony, and with a change of the holding of the lands formerly holden ward by the said Duncan McDougal and his predecessors from the said late Earl from simpleward to taxtward. [*Over* 3 *pages. Docquet. Ibid. p.* 466.]

June 19. Windsor Castle.

Warrant for a charter to Roderick McKenzie, advocate, and the heirs male of his body with remainders over of the ten merk land of the ten pound land of Keires and the two merk lands of Dalvennan and other lands all in the parochin of Stratoun, bailliary of Carrick and shirefdome of Ayr on the resignation

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of Jane Gordon, relict of Ensign Daniel McKenzie, deceased, by virtue of a gift of forfeiture of John Binning, late of Dalvennan, for new infeftment; with a new gift and a change of the holding thereof from simpleward to taxtward. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 469.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput, and the remanent lords of the Exchequer. Warrant for passing the last signature, in which the holding is changed from simpleward to taxtward, notwithstanding any former orders or instructions to the contrary. [*Ibid. p.* 471.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a presentation to the bishopric of Brechin in favour of Alexander Cairncrosse, late parson of Dumfries. [*Docquet. Ibid.*]

June 19. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a mandate to Alexander, Archbishop of St. Andrews, to consecrate Alexander Cairncrosse, late parson of Dumfries, now elect Bishop of Brechin, and to install him in the said bishopric. [*Ibid. p.* 473.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. Warrants for protections to Charles, Earl of Mar, and Sir James Campbell of Lawers for two years respectively. [*Docquets. Ibid. p.* 474.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter to Donald Macneill now of Gyga, formerly designed of Callachyle, in life rent, and to Elizabeth, his spouse, also in life rent, and to Hector, their eldest son, in fee and the heirs male of his body, with remainders over, of the lands and barony of Gyga on the resignation of the said Donald, who formerly held the same immediately of the late Earl of Argyle and now of his Majesty as superior by reason of the forfeiture of the said late Earl, for new infeftment with an erection of the premises into the barony of Gyga. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 475.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter to William Shaund, eldest son and heir to Thomas Shaund, merchant burgess of Aberdeen, deceased, and his heirs and assigns, of the towns and lands of Badindath and Begesleyes and divers other lands, part of the forest or barony of Cordice, proceeding on an adjudication at the said William Shaund's instance as heir aforesaid and his tutor for his interest against Dr. Patrick Dun as brother and lawfully charged to enter heir in special to the deceased Charles Dun, litster, burgess thereof, and which Dr. Patrick renounced to be heir to his said brother; and also of the town and lands of Standingstanes wodsetted by Sir George Johnston of that ilk and his spouse to Alexander Anderson, his heirs and assigns, for 6,000 merks and disponed by the said Anderson and John, his eldest son, in favour of William Shaund, deceased, grandfather of the said

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William Shaund, who has now right thereto as his heir, with a dissolution of the premises from all earldoms, etc., to which they were formerly annexed and an erection thereof into the barony of Craig and with a change of the holding from simpleward to taxtward. [2½ *pages. Docquet. Ibid. p.* 478.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput, and the remanent lords of the Exchequer. Warrant for passing the last signature, in which the holding is changed from simpleward to taxtward, notwithstanding any former orders or instructions to the contrary. [*Ibid. p.* 479.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a remission to Hendry Boswall in Dunsystoun as to his life only of the crime of treason and rebellion for joining with the rebels defeated at Bothwell Bridge and specially of the sentence of forfeiture pronounced against him 3 March last, without prejudice to his Majesty and his donators of any benefit that may accrue to them by the said sentence as to his estate real and personal belonging to him at the time thereof. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 480.]

June 19. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a remission to James Howison, maltman in Lanerick, of the treason committed by him by being in company with the rebels and of the sentence of forfeiture against him as to his life only, without prejudice to his Majesty and his donators of any benefit that may accrue to them by his forfeiture as to his estate real and personal belonging to him at the time of the said sentence. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 481.]

June 20. Paper delivered by Sir Thomas Armstrong to the Sheriffs at his execution. (Printed in *State Trials, Vol. X, col.* 122.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 13.]

June 21. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir William Bishop for a grant of his Majesty's interest in certain lands in Gloucestershire of the yearly value of 20*l.* conveyed by Richard Reed to Richard Brent *inter alios* in reversion after a lease of 21 years in trust for superstitious uses. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 388.]

[June 21.] On the petition of the barbers and peruke-makers referred *ante*, p. 41, to the Lord Keeper and the Lord Chief Justice and their report dated 17 June that they had heard the parties concerned and, finding the Barber-Surgeons' Company willing to admit any peruke-makers of their Company that desire it, are of opinion that it will be no inconvenience to have some clauses in the Barber-Surgeons' charter relating to the government of the peruke-makers, so that, when they shall be admitted

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into their society, they may be under regulation, but that they have not considered the clauses proposed by the petitioners but propose they may be referred to the Attorney General as is usual: direction that the Attorney General consider of the clauses fit to be inserted in the Barber-Surgeons' charter relating to the government of the peruke-makers, when admitted into that Company. [*Ibid. p.* 389.]

June 21. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the borough of Abingdon praying the acceptance of their surrender of their charters, etc. [*Ibid.*]

June 21. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Brian Caraher for a remission of 70*l.* remaining unpaid of his farm of the two baronies of Fairnie and Cremorn which he farmed at a greater rate than they were worth, he not being able to pay the money. [*Ibid. p.* 390.]

June 21. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Deputy of Ireland of the petition of Patrick Usher for a grant to him and his heirs of such Crown or other rents as are not now in charge as to which he can make out his Majesty's right not exceeding the value of the King's Inns at Dublin, on delivering up his right to the said King's Inns. [*Ibid.*]

June 21. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland of the petition of James, Earl of Airlie, and Thomas Wyndham for a grant of the right to place '49 debentures on such lands in co. Wicklow as they shall discover to be forfeited, which are not already set out. [*Ibid. p.* 391.]

June 21. Windsor. Commission to Richard Milles, chirurgeon, to be chirurgeon of the Queen's troop of Horse Guards commanded by Sir Philip Howard. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 112.]

June 21. Windsor. Warrant to Theophilus, Earl of Huntingdon, captain of the Band of Gentlemen Pensioners, for swearing and admitting Sir Thomas Bludworth to be standard bearer of the said Band, in the room of Sir Humphrey Sturt, deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 151.]

June 21. Windsor. Warrant for a patent for fourteen years to Mary Marshall, widow, of the invention of her husband, John Marshall, deceased, for making, staining and colouring stuff to such a degree that it is taken for tapestry hangings, who had spent the greatest part of his fortune, on which she should now have subsisted, on the experiment and invention thereof. [*Ibid. p.* 152.]

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June 21. Windsor Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal. Earnestly recommending to them the execution of his pleasure mentioned in his letter of 28 Dec., 1682 (calendared in *S.P. Dom.*, 1682, *p.* 594), concerning the education of the Earl of Angus and the condition of the estate of his father, the Marquess of Douglas, and authorizing the Treasurer Principal to pay yearly towards the expenses of the education of the said Earl 200*l.* sterling, and requiring them to give the King a speedy account of the condition of the estate of the said Marquess. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 482.]

June 21. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput. Warrant for payment of 1,500*l.* sterling out of the first and readiest of the moneys arising from fines imposed on account of ecclesiastic irregulaties to George, Earl of Dumbarton, in consideration of his services and especially of his great charge since he left the service of the Most Christian King, from whom he had very great encouragement to have continued there. [*Ibid. p.* 483.]

June 21. Windsor Castle. The same to the same. Warrant for payment of 1,500*l.* sterling out of the fines mentioned in the last warrant to Sir George Mackenzie of Tarbett, Clerk Register, in consideration of his loyalty and services. [*Ibid. p.* 484.]

June 21. Windsor Castle. The same to the same. Warrant for payment of 600*l.* sterling out of the fines mentioned in the last two warrants to Colin, Earl of Balcarres, in consideration of his services in suppressing the interest of the Fanatics in Fife, where he is more particularly concerned in the King's service. [*Ibid. p.* 485.]

June 21. Windsor Castle. The same to the same. Warrant for payment during pleasure of 100*l.* sterling yearly to Alexander Cairncrosse, late parson of Dumfries and now elect Bishop of Brechin, in consideration of the smallness of the rents and profits of that bishopric. [*Ibid. p.* 486.]

June 21. Windsor Castle. The same to the same. Warrant for payment to Sir Andrew Forrester of 100*l.* sterling and to John Cranwell, his clerk, of 20*l.* sterling. [*Ibid. p.* 487.]

June 21. Windsor Castle. The same to the same. Warrant for payment to John Ballantine in consideration of the wounds received in the King's service of 100*l.* sterling over and above the allowance of 50*l.* sterling mentioned in the instructions to the Commissioners for disposal of the invalid money. [*Ibid. p.* 488.]

June 21. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter to Duncan Toshach, merchant in Edinburgh, brother to David Toshach late of Monievaird, and the heirs male procreated betwixt him and Elizabeth Gray, his

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spouse, with remainders over, of the lands and barony of Monievaird with the teinds, vicarage and parsonage thereof and of the said Duncan's lands of Ibert in the shirefdome of Perth, and disponing to the said Elizabeth in life rent of certain lands, parts thereof in contemplation of her marriage with the said Duncan, with a new gift and a change of the holding from simpleward to taxtward. [*Nearly 2 pages. Docquet. Ibid.*]

June 21. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput, and the remanent lords of the Exchequer. Warrant for passing the above signature with the change of holding therein notwithstanding any former orders or instructions to the contrary. [*Ibid. p.* 490.]

June 21. Windsor Castle. Warrants for protections in the ordinary form to Sir Walter Seaton of Northbank and to William Brown, late Presenter of signatures in Exchequer, for two years respectively. [*Docquets. Ibid. pp.* 491, 492.]

June 21. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant, after reciting the report of the Lords of the Treasury dated 17 June, 1684, and the documents prefixed thereto (all calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1167), for inserting Henry, Earl of Thomond, in the present and future establishments of Ireland for a salary of 10*s. per annum* as Governor of co. Clare, the same to take effect from the commencement of the present establishment. [2½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 295.]

June 22. Reference to the Attorney General in the same terms as for the petitions of the other Companies of the petition of the Scriveners' Company of London submitting their charter to his Majesty's pleasure. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 391.]

June 23. Sir John Mordaunt's answer to Commissary Hughes' petition addressed to the Committee for Trade. Hughes' complaint is altogether false and malicious. He never defamed him and he does not believe the Recorder of Tangier ever answered his Majesty's orders on the appeal or that he wanted any such papers as belonged to the said orders, for he and his deputy register had the originals. The Commissary never appointed any one to appear for him till now, though ordered to do so almost three years ago. Such contempt has been very much to Sir John's damage, who refers himself to the annexed report of the Attorney General and prays that he may be restored to his 50*l.* and to all charges and damages wrongfully sustained by the said Recorder, Commissary and others. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 14.] *Annexed,*

Report by Sir R. Sawyer, Attorney General, that an appeal

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from the proceedings of the Court of Tangier lies to his Majesty in Council and that in the demurrer to the declaration judgment should have been given for the defendant, principally because no place is assigned where the words were spoken and it being admitted by the plaintiff's confused answer to the demurrer that they were spoken on shipboard at sea out of the jurisdiction. 1681, *Nov.* 2. [*Ibid. No.* 14 I.]

June 23. Windsor. Warrant for the royal assent to the election by the Dean and Chapter of Bristol of John Lake, Bishop of the Isle of Man and Sodor, to be bishop of that see. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 150.]

June 23. Windsor. Warrant for the restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of Carlisle to Thomas, now bishop of that see. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

June 23. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of George Pendrell, eldest son of George Pendrell, who was instrumental in preserving his Majesty after the battle of Worcester, for a gift of 200*l.*, he having never troubled his Majesty before, his Majesty retaining a gracious sense of the eminent services of the petitioner's father and family. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 390.]

June 23. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Claudius, Earl of Abercorn, for a grant of the reversion of a pension granted on the Irish establishment to the Countess of Portland or the like pension out of such as shall next fall in Ireland, his Majesty retaining a gracious sense of the good services of the petitioner's uncle. With memorandum that this reference was renewed to the Lord Lieutenant 20 Oct. Newmarket. [*Ibid. p.* 391.]

June 23. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench of the petition of Giles Hamley for a coal-meter's place in London. [*Ibid. p.* 392.]

June 23. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Edward, Earl of Gainsborough, for a grant of the power of conveying waters from the springs within the manor of Hampstead to the City and suburbs of London for the use of the inhabitants at reasonable rates with liberty to set up engines and dig up the earth, etc. [*Ibid.*]

June 23. Windsor. Warrant to the Sheriffs of London and the Keeper of Newgate to give order for affixing the head of Sir Thomas Armstrong, lately executed for high treason, on a pole on the top of Westminster Hall and three of his quarters on such public places

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of London as they shall think fit and for sending the other quarter to Stafford and delivering it to the Mayor there with the warrant they will receive therewith. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 153.]

June 23. Windsor. Warrant to the Mayor of Stafford for affixing on a pole and placing on one of the gates or other public buildings of the town, the quarter of Sir Thomas Armstrong directed to be delivered to him. [*Ibid.*]

June 23. Survey by William Harbord, Surveyor General, of the Honours of Tudbury and Needwood in Staffordshire and Derbyshire, estimating the value at 32,912*l.* and the total, with 30,699*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, the value of the wood and timber, at 63,611*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* It concludes :—But on the whole the Honour, manor and forest are of so great extents, of so large privileges and royalties, and dependencies of such multitudes as well of the nobility and gentry as of freeholders, copyholders, miners and others, and furnished with all necessaries for profit, pleasure and delight, that I cannot but submit to your Majesty's consideration that it may be still preserved in the Crown as no way in my opinion proper to be alienated from it. *With note* that this is a true copy of the original report, 26 April, 1695. [12 *pages. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 1, *No.* 40.]

June 23. Windsor. The King to the Lord Deputy. Warrant, after reciting the report of the Lords of the Treasury and the documents prefixed thereto (all calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1161), for a grant to Henry Slingesby and his heirs of such strand lands, marshlands, slobs and grounds with water from high water mark to low water mark as also of such other lands and grounds as might be recovered from the sea at the charges of him and his heirs within the counties of Cork, Waterford, Wexford, Wicklow, Dublin, Louth, Down, Antrim, Londonderry, Donegal, Sligo, Mayo, Galway, Clare, Limerick and Kerry, with a proviso and covenant that he and his heirs and all claimants under him or them shall be obliged, when required, to declare on oath how much shall be made by the said grant and that, when he or they shall have made thereby 5,000*l.* over and above all necessary charges, it shall then be in the power of the Crown to re-assume the same and that all profits of the said grant over and above 5,000*l.* till such re-assumption shall be accounted for and paid to the Crown. [6 *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 299.]

June 23. Warrant for a privy seal granting and confirming to Sir Richard Bellings in fee-simple the lands therein mentioned and exonerating the same from all quit rents thereon (except the ancient Crown rents) and the arrears thereof. (Calendared in the *Calendar of*

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Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p. 1155.) [14 *pages. S.P. Ireland, Entry Book* 1, *p.* 45.]

June 24. Windsor Castle. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant for an order to the Receiver General of the revenue of Ireland for payment to Thomas Price of 10 *per cent.* for the exchange of 9,438*l.* or thereabouts returned to England by him for the pay of so much of the Earl of Dumbarton's regiment as has been at Tangier and is desired to come and remain here. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 298.]

June 25. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of Sir Thomas Duppa, Henry Carr, Brian Turner and Henry Bulstrode, showing that the gentlemen ushers daily waiters have anciently enjoyed divers fees, immunities, privileges and advantages as rights and perquisites of their places, which were confirmed to them by King James and King Charles, and praying a confirmation of the said fees, etc., under the Great Seal. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 393.]

June 25. Windsor. Commissions to Hugh Wyndham to be lieutenant and John Cole to be cornet of Capt. Alexander Mackenzie's troop, to John Clifford to be cornet of Capt. Charles Nedby's troop and to Henry Hawker to be quarter-master and marshal, all in the King's own regiment of dragoons commanded by Lord Churchill. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 112.]

June 26. London. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. (Printed in *Dalrymple, Vol. II, Appendix, Part I, p.* 50.) [2 *pages. Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 104.]

June 26. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Timely notice of the truce between Holland and France being signed not coming to Marshal Schomberg on the day he expected, he ordered out a body of 2,000 horse, 3 or 400 dragoons and some infantry commanded by the Comte de Monthone to put the country under contribution and to burn what villages and towns he could. He accordingly came into Flanders and burnt Lumbarzyde, Westende, Steen, Marykirke, Middelkirke and Skerxel and in short left not a house standing between Ostend and Nieuport. The Governor of the latter place, thinking to preserve Lumbarzyde, sent a party of thirty men, who stayed to kill four or five French and to have three of themselves killed and then returned. Those of Ostend sent out fifty, but they fled at the approach of the French without firing a gun. After the business was over he returned, carrying with him about 200 cows besides horses, leaving word he would visit them again about harvest time.

On Tuesday night died Sir Edward Deering, one of the Lords of the Treasury. The discourse of an indictment for high

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treason being to be brought against Oates is not laid aside. Next Wednesday Mr. Hayes will be tried at the Old Bailey. Yesterday the quarters of Sir Thomas Armstrong were fixed up one at Temple Bar, one at Cripplegate, one at Aldgate and his head on Westminster Hall and the other quarter sent to be set up at Stafford.

Yesterday his Majesty and his Royal Highness were on Banstead Downs to see the militia of that county mustered. In the evening their Royal Highnesses and Prince George returned here, where they will stay till Monday and the Duchess goes for Tunbridge.

This day Elephant Smith formerly sentenced stood in the pillory at the Royal Exchange.

From Constantinople they write that the Grand Signior was resolved to have more formidable forces in the field than they had last year, that they should consist of three armies, one to act against the Poles, the other in Hungary and the last in Dalmatia against the Venetians. The Grand Signior or Grand Vizier stir not from Constantinople this campaign.

To-day the Artillery Company met in the Artillery Ground and thence marched into Gracechurch Street and so made about to the Still Yard, where his Royal Highness landed and from thence marched into the Artillery Ground before them on horseback, he having his horse guards before him and a great many gentlemen volunteers that served on foot. Amongst them were Lord Dartmouth and Col. Sackville each with a musket. He was accompanied not only with the shouts of the Artillery men but with a loud acclamation of all the people. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*) 2, *No.* 92.]

June 27. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the burgesses and inhabitants of the borough of Dunwich, Suffolk, for a grant of new letters of incorporation with such powers and privileges as his Majesty shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 394.]

Like reference on the petition of Dartmouth. [*Ibid.*]

June 27. Hampton Court. Presentation of —— Pearson to the living of Ermington, Devon. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 83.]

June 28. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Attorney General. His Majesty, having thought it will be for his service that the officers of the London Companies should now on the renewal of their charters be appointed by the Lord Chief Justice, commands me to acquaint you therewith that you may take care that no persons be inserted as officers but such as shall be named by the Lord Chief Justice. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 114.]

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June 28. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant for letters patent constituting Thomas Coote a barrister at law in Ireland, who having omitted some time to enter himself in the Inns of Court cannot yet be admitted a barrister, though sufficiently qualified for the profession of the law. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 298.]

June 29. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir James Shaen and his partners, late farmers of the revenue of Ireland, praying that the proceedings and process against them in England and Ireland may be stopped and that time may be allowed them to make up their accounts before indifferent commissioners and auditors. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 394.]

June 29. Windsor. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Clifton Dartmouth Hardnes, Devonshire, on the surrender of their former charter, and appointing the persons named in the annexed schedule the first officers of the said corporation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 154.] *Annexed,*

The said schedule. [*Ibid.*]

June 29. Windsor. The King to the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter of Chichester. Whereas the house belonging to the deanery of Chichester was in the late rebellion totally ruined and nothing has since been done towards rebuilding it, the revenues of the deanery being too small to admit the yearly sequestration of any part thereof to that purpose, and the chantership of the said church is in the possession of the present Dean, as it has been formerly in that of several of his predecessors, in right whereof he enjoys a large and good house, fit for the Dean's residence, and an accession of about 90*l. per annum*, and the office of Precentor is and always has been performed by one of the choir, called the Sub-Chanter, over whom the Dean may as properly preside as a Precentor, should those places again be made distinct, we, having advised with the Archbishop of Canterbury, signify our pleasure that the said deanery and chantership be for ever hereafter united, and further you are to cause these letters to be inserted in the register of that church. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 84.]

June 30. The Mayor and Corporation of Newcastle-under-Lyme to the King. Petition for his approbation of their election of John Turton as Steward of the borough in place of Daniel Watson, deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 15.]

June 30. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and burgesses of King's Lynn surrendering their charters and praying a regrant thereof with such additions and

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limitations as his Majesty shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 394.]

June 30. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of the Earl of Abercorn for an order to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland to pass his patent, which he has stopped after granting his *recepi* on the opening of the late Commission of Grace in Ireland. [*Ibid. pp.* 395, 396.]

June 30. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General in the same terms as the petitions of the other London Companies of the petition of the Cutlers' Company submitting themselves to his Majesty's pleasure and praying to have their franchises renewed. [*Ibid. p.* 395.]

June 30. Windsor. Reference of the petition of the loyal inhabitants of Honiton for their incorporation to the judges who go the Western Circuit to speak with the Justices of Devonshire concerning this matter and to report their opinion to his Majesty. [*Ibid.*]

June 30. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Lady Grace Pierrepont praying that Ford, late Lord Grey, being indebted to her 5,000*l.* principal money, she may enter on the securities granted by him till the principal and interest be paid or that provision may be made for her, in case his Majesty dispose of the estate to any other. [*Ibid.*]

June 30. Windsor. On the petition of the Ministers, Churchwardens and Congregation of the French church at the Savoy for his Majesty's assent to the enlargement designed by them of the chapel at the Savoy and imploring his benevolence towards the finishing of it, his Majesty, being disposed to promote so pious an undertaking, directs Sir Christopher Wren, Surveyor General of the Works, to consider of the enlargement designed and to inform himself whether the Master of the Savoy consents to it and to report thereof with his opinion. [*Ibid. p.* 396.]

June 30. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant or the Lord Deputy of Ireland of the petition of Christopher, Baron Dunsany, praying that, himself and his father being adjudged innocent and notwithstanding being wrongfully kept out of his estate belonging to his ancestors for above 300 years, in order to enable him to prosecute his right his Majesty would grant him the quit rents issuing out of it with a proviso for revesting it in his Majesty as soon as he shall have obtained the actual possession of his estate. [*Ibid. p.* 402.]

June 30. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Lord Chief Justice Jones. His Majesty commands me to send you the enclosed letter from

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Mr. Roberts of Dover and would have you in your circuit inquire into the matter complained of and take care to have it redressed, or else give him an account of it that such further order may be given as shall be requisite. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 114.]

June 30. Windsor. Secretary Jenkins to the Attorney General. His Majesty thinking it necessary that the French congregation in London should be under some better regulations would have you forthwith inform yourself what grants, charters or privileges they have and give him an account thereof and also what method may be fittest to proceed in. [*Ibid. p.* 115.]

June 30. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Committee for Trade. About the appointment of James Burghill to be Governor of Bermudas. (Calendared in *S.P. Col., America, etc.*, 1681–85, *p.* 663.) [*Ibid.*]

June 30. Windsor. Royal approbation according to a power reserved in the charter of the election of Timothy Levinge to be Town Clerk of the borough of Congleton. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 155.]

June 30. Windsor. Pass for James Puckle who is going to Flanders about business relating to the English merchants there. [*Latin. Ibid. p.* 156.]

June 30. Constitution of Antonio Verrio, who has been for some years past employed as the King's painter in painting and adorning the chapel, hall and rooms in Windsor Castle, to be the King's chief and first painter with the salary of 200*l. per annum* and all other rights and privileges thereto belonging as amply as Sir Peter Lely, late deceased, or any other has held the same. [*Ibid. p.* 157.]

June 30. Windsor. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to search for and apprehend Roger Burges and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland to be examined concerning several treasonable and dangerous practices against the government, whereof he is suspected to be guilty. [*Ibid. p.* 158.]

June 30. Windsor. Warrant for a grant to Dame Elizabeth Evelyn, widow, of a market to be held at Ebisham (Epsom), Surrey, on every Friday and of two yearly fairs to be held there on Michaelmas Day and St. James' Day and to continue for three days, it having been found by inquisition that such market and fairs will be no damage. [*Ibid. p.* 182.]

June. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Lord Dartmouth, Master General of the Ordnance. The King, having directed the Lords Lieutenants how to dispose of the arms seized from dangerous and disaffected persons, viz., that such as are useful for the militia be kept and the rest sent to the places in the enclosed list and delivered to the

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keeper of the stores where there is one or to such as you appoint to receive them, would have you issue your orders for the receipt of the said arms and that they be forthwith brought into his stores and received there by indenture as is usual. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 107.] *Enclosed,*

The said list which is compounded of the two lists calendared ante, *pp.* 26, 27. [1½ *pages. Ibid.*]

[June ?] W. Bagot, W. Chetwynd and W. Sneyd to the Earl of Shrewsbury, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire. Certifying that they conceive John Turton, lately elected Steward of Newcastle-under-Lyme, is a loyal subject and well qualified for that employment. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II*, 438, *No.* 16.]

[June ?] —— to ——. It was no small rejoicing to Shadwell to hear you had bought the same, as it was a great trouble to see how basely it was twisted out of your hands by a person of base conditions, who has been the original cause of questioning the title. Since you left, the parish has groaned under insupportable burdens, especially of late since a pettifogging attorney came into commission, the one as captain and the other as Justice. He tickets in his company in Shadwell 1,000 and marches with 150 men. The rest are half-crown men and this three times a year. Mr. Baron has been charged with 48 men besides his tenants, many of whom he forces to bear arms that are not worth 5*s.* and some whose husbands are slaves in Argier, so he has received more money for Shadwell in these two years than the King has had since the restoration. He trains his men in Sun tavern fields and will not allow the poor man anything, though he does him 3*l.* a year damage. Though the law tax has long ceased, as prothonotary of Whitechapel Court he takes it still, and, though the third part of the parish was burnt, he has imposed a tax for bells. He forces the whole parish to spend what should support their families and says those who will not come to the Sun for love, shall for fear. I have paid scot and lot in this and the next parish forty years and never knew the like. Though he now seems great for his Royal Highness, yet in his late retirement from the heats of the Whiggish parliament he brought up a proverb, As great as the Devil and the Duke of York. He is a secret favourer of Whiggish fanatics. He cleared Betts and Loader, returned for not coming to church, though he knew them to be notorious Anabaptists and enemies to his Royal Highness. The Lord Chief Justice is with him the bull and mouth ever since the late trial (probably that of 3 June, 1684, about lands in Shadwell: see *State Trials, Vol. X, col.* 555), because he took him up for his malapertness to the court. Justice Strange he spurns at, as unfit to have a commission of the peace. The Duchess of Portsmouth stands in his way for carrying firkins of gold to France. He has been transported with joy for his late success in Shadwell. He has let fall what will ruin all their pretensions to Shadwell

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and settle it undeniably on its own bases, so that their mystery of iniquity is revealed, only he that has let will let till he be taken away, that is removed from those places wherein he overawes the people, for till then whoever testify their knowledge are ruined. As you are to give 20,000*l* for it, if 1,000*l*. more would have given him a *quietus*, your next issue would have appeared positively certain from substantial evidence and their own confession, for their fair written deed will prove so foul to some that it will prove their ruin, for this person hinted at is the contriver of all this mischief. Besides he suffers a Quakers' meeting under his nose. *Endorsed*, "A libellous letter against a Justice of Shadwell." [1¼ *pages. Ibid. No.* 17.]

July 1. The Bishop of Oxford to Sir Leotine Jenkins. Dr. Levett and Dr. Aldrich now attend on you to render the thanks of this place and to receive particular directions what course is to be taken in this critical occasion. You know what a kind of body our Convocation is, how unmanageable to any sober counsels, and therefore all proceedings in the present affair have gone on the auspice of the government vested in the Vice-Chancellor. If you judge somewhat of more solemn appearance is requisite, it shall be done, though I doubt a new application to the King will not be welcome to him, who does not love to be molested, and I find it current doctrine that the surrender of charters must be encouraged and that he, having gained his point in the choice of officers in the corporation, has no reason to mingle with our ailings among ourselves. Our Chancellor's sudden remove to Ireland seems a disadvantageous circumstance, but on the other side, as you justly observe, our night walk is our palladium and our discipline is irrecoverably gone, if that be lost. In this strait we cannot despair, while we have your assistance.

The poor Vice-Chancellor has been much amiss, but I hope all danger is over. [*Ibid. No.* 18.]

July 1. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Bridgwater. I thank you for your letter of the 26th, which I received yesterday with a list of the arms seized in Buckinghamshire, and, no person being yet arrived at Eton from Lord Dartmouth to receive the arms which you have sent by Mr. Rawson, he has left them with Capt. Potts, Deputy Governor of this castle, who will take care to deliver them only to such person as shall be appointed by the Master General of the Ordnance. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 116.]

July 1. Windsor. Warrant to the Earl of Rochester, Keeper of the New Park near Richmond, approving of his having caused for the better support of the deer there several drains and water courses to be cleansed, new grates to be made and divers old ones repaired as also some timber trees to be cut down for erecting four new Dutch barns and some underwood or young poles to be drawn out of

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the underwood and cut down, where they grew too thick and where two or three grew out of one root, that so not only the others might thrive better but the ground be drained and meliorated by the benefit of the sun and air, whereby the grass will become much sweeter, and empowering him, when he shall think it necessary for the improvement or beautifying of the said park, to cause any bushes, dottard, pollard or other trees to be cut down, the thick covert of furzes to be grubbed up, the brakes and fern to be mowed, the walls to be mended, the lodges to be repaired and new ones built in more convenient places and gates and stiles to be mended and all such other things to be done as he shall think necessary, not doubting that by his care the said park so near the royal palace and abode may be made more beautiful and useful. [*Over* 1 *page. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 179.]

July 3. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Agnes Massonet, relict of Peter Massonet, deceased, for the payment of an arrear of 878*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 397.]

July 3. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of John Lynden, one of the Justices of the King's Bench in Ireland, praying that, his father having disbursed 993*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* in provisions for the relief of some regiments in Ireland in 1642 and no satisfaction having yet been made, his Majesty would direct some satisfaction to be made for the debt and interest. [*Ibid.*]

July 3. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant or the Lord Deputy of Ireland of the petition of Ezekiel, Bishop of Derry, praying his Majesty to except out of the charter to be granted to the Society of the Governor and Assistants London of the New Plantation in Ulster, who have forfeited their old one, that part of the lands of Termon Derry, on which the city and suburbs are built, commonly called the Isle of Derry, the same belonging to the Bishop of Derry. With memorandum that this reference was renewed to the Lord Lieutenant alone. 5 Aug. Windsor. [*Ibid.*]

July 4. Windsor. Warrant for re-incorporating the borough of King's Lynn on the surrender of their charter and for appointing the persons named in the schedule annexed the first members of the corporation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 159.] *Annexed, The said schedule.* [*Ibid. p.* 160.]

July 4. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a gift during pleasure to James, Earl of Perth, Lord Chancellor, of the office of Shireff of the shirefdome of Edinburgh Principal or Midlothian, the gift thereof during pleasure to George, Earl of Aberdeen, being recalled. [3 *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 493.]

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Commission to the Marquess of Queensberry to be captain of the militia troop of horse in the shire of Dumfries formerly commanded by his son, Lord Drumlangrig, who has been appointed lieut.-colonel of the regiment of horse in Scotland, an Act of the Privy Council ordaining that no person be employed in both the standing army and the militia. [*Ibid. p.* 496.]

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The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput. Warrant for payment to Mrs. Margaret Napier, *alias* Brisbane, of 125*l.* sterling towards defraying the expenses of the funeral of her lately deceased mother, Lady Napier, the same being what was due to her said mother of her pension for the half year in which she died. [*Ibid. p.* 497.]

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The Earl of Middelleton to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor. A petition being lately presented to his Majesty from Lady Margaret Hope on behalf of Charles Hope of Hopetown, her son, representing that he having a just claim of debt due partly by the late Earl and partly by the late Marquess of Argyle the Commissioners for the disposal of the estate of Argyle on the recommendation of his Royal Highness placed the said debt in the second class of claims out of the said estate and also assigned a locality out of Nether Cowall for payment of the same, notwithstanding whereof his Majesty is informed that he is like to be frustrated of the benefit of the favour and justice designed him by the preference of another creditor to the said locality, I am commanded to let you know his Majesty's pleasure, that you may acquaint the said Commissioners therewith, that a special regard be had to the recommendation of his Royal Highness and therefore he expects that you and the rest of the said Commissioners take care that the said locality be made effectual for payment of the said debt in such manner as the same was first classed in the second rank of creditors aforesaid without regard to any other destination thereof since designed for any other of the creditors. [*Over* 1 *page. Ibid.*]

July 4. Windsor Castle.

Warrant for a gift to John Mackulloch, late merchant in Downe, now in Stirling, of the escheat of Alexander Burne, deceased, sometime merchant burgess of Stirling and afterwards merchant burgess of Edinburgh, provided he give a back bond that, he being paid all debts owing to him by the said deceased and Margaret Wallace, the deceased's relict, being satisfied anent the rights made to her by her husband and paid any debts owing to her and the sums in the horning being also satisfied and the donator paid his expenses, the surplus of the said escheat be employed at the sight and by the advice of the Treasurer Principal and Treasurer Deput. [*Ibid. p.* 499.]

July 4. Windsor Castle. Warrants for protections in the new form to Alexander Douglas of Mortoune and William Hay, clerk to the Commissariot of Edinburgh, for two years respectively. [*Ibid. pp.* 500, 501.]

July 5. Buckden. The Bishop of Lincoln to Sir Joseph Williamson. I have received yours and am very glad to hear of your health. You need not have used any apology for writing in behalf of Lady Carr or any other for whom you have a kindness, for your kindness to our mother college and myself has been such that you may command anything wherein I am able to serve you. You may assure her there is nothing in my register which shall be concealed from her, but I have reason to believe there is nothing in it which will be of any advantage to her in the cause now depending about a prebend in my diocese, for about a year ago at the Lincoln assizes judgment was clearly given against her in that cause, though my secretary was there a witness for her and gave a full account of all that was in our register concerning that prebend.

The Bishop of Carlisle and his Archdeacon, Mr. Nicolson, dined with me yesterday in their way to London. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 19.]

July 5. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of John Skin of London for a patent for a new invention for casting worms for alembics, stills and other uses in tin and copper without the help of the hammer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 398.]

July 5. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Lord Jermyn. Sir John Lanier, Governor of Jersey, being come hither in obedience to the King's directions, he has told him he is not to return to that government and has commanded me to acquaint you that he intends to send you Governor there and would therefore have you attend him as soon as you shall have settled your affairs in the country that you may receive the necessary directions and begin your journey for the island with all convenient speed. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 116.]

July 5. Windsor. The King to the President and Fellows of Queens' College, Cambridge. Requiring them to admit Robert Powell, B.A., of that college to the fellowship now vacant by the marriage of Dr. Fowkes, any act, statute, etc., to the contrary notwithstanding. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 85.]

July 6. The Bishop of Oxford to Sir Leoline Jenkins. Doctors Levett and Aldrich return with fresh assurances of your unwearied patronage of this poor place and the great advantages we are likely to receive by it in having the night walk reserved in the

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charter and that procured in an amicable way without exciting animosities between the two bodies, who, since they must still live together, 'twill be desirable they be preserved in some terms of neighbourhood and correspondence. I waited yesterday on Mr. Vice-Chancellor, who, I presume, is so well recovered as himself to signify how much he is satisfied with the foot you are now on, especially if your draft may be obtained. It is true the word *legitime* has a very venerable sound and it would be invidious to go about striking it out, if it were not now against all precedent begun to be put in. I conceive in case of privilege the word *legitime* cannot reasonably be interposed. A legal privilege seems such a scheme of speech as here we are used to call *contradictio in adjecto*, a thing according to law, which is an exception from it. I am sure we find every townsman an acute casuist by the help of this word and, though the Mayor and others of that body according to ancient custom swear every year to observe the legal privileges of the University, they absolve themselves by saying they swore only to those that were legal. (Arguments from the former charters of the town and that now surrendered.) Now, as there is not here nor was ever in any other charter the word *legitima* (*sic*), I heartily wish it might now be kept out. You will order that the fairs be fixed at vacant times of the year, not in our term or Lent, and that only a horse fair be granted in Thames Street and Broken Haies and that the Aldermen be not Justices by charter. I conceive it will be more for the advantage of the University to have the word *legitime* struck out and adhere to the Lord Keeper's insertion, though nothing else be added, than to retain that word and get those explications proposed to be added, and probably that may be had with less opposition. But myself and all here refer the whole to your disposal. [2 *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 20.]

July 7. Dr. John Lloyd, Vice-Chancellor, to Sir Leoline Jenkins. Yesterday my Lord of Oxford with Doctors Levett and Aldrich called on me, from whom I had your letter. I am most particularly obliged for your concern for my welfare and extremely glad that you enjoy so good health. As to the University concerns, particularly those depending between us and the town, nobody here that knows any thing of our affairs but is highly sensible how exceedingly we are obliged to you. We could never have hoped to have waded through half the difficulties we have met with, had it not been for your favour and directions. I am glad things are brought to so fair a prospect of an end as they now seem to have and wish that no scruples or difficulties interpose. I wish the clause of salvo for the University rights and night watch, etc., might be admitted in that form and with those additions which you have conceived, but, if it will not pass so, we must be content to let it go in such other words as will. We submit the whole matter to you. [*Ibid. No.* 21.]

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July 7. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland of the petition of Capt. Hugh Montgomery for a pardon to his son, Hugh Montgomery, a merchant, who on great provocation killed Hugh Rutter, a private soldier in Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 398.]

July 7. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of the defendants on behalf of themselves and the rest of the freeholders and tenants of the towns of Hope, Bradwell and Wormhill, Derbyshire, and the hamlets thereof for a rehearing from a decree made by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster last June. [*Ibid.* *p.* 399.]

July 7. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir John Lowther for a grant of toll on ships at Whitehaven and of the Attorney General's report thereon, calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1237. [*Ibid.*]

July 7. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Thomas Stratford praying, he having been at great charge in a new invention of towing ships out of and into rivers and harbours and in contriving an engine not only for that use but also for deepening rivers, a grant towards his reimbursement of the heriots and reliefs not taken away by the Act for taking away the Court of Wards, for some term of years, to be recovered at his own charge. [*Ibid.* p. 400.]

July 7. Windsor. Reference to Col. Kirke, late Governor of Tangier, of the petition of Capt. Robert Purcell for an order that his pay may be made from the date of his commission as captain in Trelawney's regiment at Tangier. [*Ibid.*]

July 7. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir Charles Holt. I received yours of the 28th and acquainted his Majesty with your account of the surrender of the charter of Birmingham School, on which he commands me to tell you that, as he was always well satisfied of your zeal in his service, so he is particularly well pleased with your discretion and care in this affair. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 117.]

July 7. Commission to Matthew de Vaulx to be lieutenant of Capt. Charles Collier's company late in Col. Charles Trelawney's regiment at Tangier and now appointed to go into Ireland. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 112.]

July [before the 8th]. Windsor. The King to the Lords Justices of Ireland. Warrant for an order to the Receiver General of the revenue of Ireland to pay 600*l.* sterling to be laid out in erecting a tower or building of stone in the place of one of the flankers belonging to the new

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hospital near Dublin according to the scheme or model thereof approved by the King for a magazine for keeping war stores and for giving order that the old stones and other materials on the place be used for the said work. (Entered the 8th.) [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 306.]

July 8. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench of the petition of Brian Courthope of the Inner Temple for a grant of the place of clerk to the Cordwainers' Company or of some other Company in London that shall next fall void. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 401.]

July 8. Windsor. Warrant to the Recorder and Sheriffs of London for inserting in the first general pardon for poor convicts of Newgate without any condition of transportation John Holtham, who was at the last Old Bailey sessions convicted of horse stealing and sentenced to death, and for his reprieve in the mean time, he having made a discovery concerning some highwaymen. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 161.]

July 8. Windsor. Warrant to John Pipon, Receiver of the revenue of Jersey, after reciting that leave had been given to Thomas, Lord Jermyn, Governor of that island, to repair to his government, the King intending otherwise to provide for Sir John Lanier, the late Governor, with whose services he is well satisfied, for payment of three fourths of the yearly salary payable to the Governor, which will become due at Michaelmas, to Sir John Lanier, he having continued three quarters of this year in that government, and for payment of one fourth to Lord Jermyn. [*Ibid.*]

[July 9.] The Bishop of Oxford to Sir Leoline Jenkins. On the return of Doctors Levett and Aldrich with your letter I thought it might be of use to let Lord Abingdon know what the Lord Keeper had proposed by way of expedient between the University and the city. I transmit the enclosed, produced by my letter, from Mr. Moore, who is employed in all my lord's affairs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 22.] *Enclosed,*

W. Moore to the Bishop of Oxford. I laid yours before my lord, who was very glad to hear this business of Oxford was likely to receive that end he always desired. Though he could wish this had been done sooner, he will not be wanting in any endeavours not only to effect it now but to make it answer those good ends for which it is designed, the King's service and the peace of both bodies. What he would further desire of you is to incline Sir L. Jenkins to give it such a despatch that the city may with all possible speed receive their so long expected charter. 1684, *July* 7. *Astropp.* [*Ibid. No.* 22 I.]

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[July ?] Salvo of their privileges offered by the City of Oxford to the University with the University amendments. [*Latin. Draft and fair copy. Ibid. Nos.* 23, 24.]

July 9. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Richard Sydenham and Grace, his wife, the only surviving daughter and heiress of Sir Henry Cary, deceased, for a grant to them of an arrear of 400*l.* on Carmarthenshire on the tax of 70,000*l. per mensem* or else some present relief out of the Exchequer to prevent their starving. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 401.]

July 9. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Lieutenant or the Lord Deputy of Ireland of the petition of John Power for a grant of a lease of 1,000 years without impeachment of waste of such proportion of lands in Ireland held in *custodium* or whereof his Majesty is seised in right of his crown and of such clear yearly value as the Chief Governor of Ireland shall think fit. [*Ibid. p.* 402.]

July 10. Windsor. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Chichester. Signifying his pleasure that they forthwith confirm the grant made by the Bishop to Samuel Carleton of the offices of Register of Chichester and Lewes in reversion. *S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 85.]

July 10. Windsor. The King to the President and Fellows of Queens' College, Cambridge. Willing and requiring them to admit George Sheregold, B.A., of that college to the first vacant fellowship there. [*Ibid. p.* 86.]

July 10. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. About 2 on Wednesday morning broke out a very dreadful fire in the Waterhouse at the lower end of York Street in those buildings. In a few hours it consumed that and several others near it, but by the timely assistance of the Guards and by blowing up two houses it was stopped. One of the Guards was killed by a piece of timber that fell from one of the houses.

Yesterday his Royal Highness went to Tunbridge, where the Duchess and the Princess of Denmark are in health.

The Bishop of Rochester, I am told, is made Bishop of Ely and Dr. Spratt, Dean of Westminster, is Bishop of Rochester and will hold the Deanery of Westminster, as Dr. Dolben, now Archbishop of York, did.

Little from abroad is now expected, till the answer from the King of Spain comes, though at Brussels they say that Marshal de Créqui refuses the performance of the article agreed on the surrender of Luxemburg to the sick and wounded men on pretence that the Prince de Chimay in his march put into a castle in the county of Limburg some soldiers which he should by the articles have marched further with.

Holland letters say that the States of Friesland have recalled

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their troops of repetition into their province and, having by a public edict disbanded them for not coming, the States have sent a deputy to them to represent the dangerous consequence of the same, it being directly contrary to the Union, but, they adhering to their former resolution, 'tis said the States will send a body of 10,000 to reduce them to their duty.

Letters from Marseilles say that the Argereenes have declared war against the English and have taken two or three ships, but many question the truth of it. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*, 2, *No.* 93.]

July 11. Windsor. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. "I had by the last post yours of the 13 (N.S.) from Dieren, by which I was very sorry to find my daughter's eyes were so ill as to oblige her to let blood. I hope that will cure her, it being the best remedy for such kind of defluctions. I am now just back from my journey from Tunbridge. I came from thence yesterday, lay at London, went this morning to Hampton Court to Council, from whence I am just come with his Majesty to this place. The post is just ready to go, so that I must end. . . ." [*Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 105.]

July 12. Windsor. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury or any other of the messengers to search the house of Thomas Cox in Bloomsbury Square for treasonable or seditious books, especially any relating to the late conspiracy, and to seize and bring any such away. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 162.]

July 12. Windsor. Warrant to the High Sheriff of Essex for the reprieve of John Cole, found guilty at the last assizes at Chelmsford of the murder of a watchman and sentenced to death. [*Ibid. p.* 163.]

July 12. Windsor. Warrant for re-incorporating the borough of Scarborough on the surrender of their charter, with the grants, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads, in which also the present members of the corporation are named. [*Ibid.*] *Annexed, The said paper.* [*Nearly* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 164.]

July 13. Windsor. Warrant to the Attorney or Solicitor General for a pardon to William Watkins of Talgarth, Breconshire, who has stated by his petition that at the great sessions for the said county in April, 1683, he was convicted of barratry by a partial jury on very slender evidence and fined 20*l.*, which is paid to the Receiver there, and that he was thus prosecuted by a member of the Oxford parliament for that county, because he denied him his vote and interest and always made all the interest he could for the loyal party and was never impeached for any other crime, and who is certified by some of the Justices of the said county to be conformable to the Church of England as by law established

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and a loyal subject, who have also certified that his prosecutors were several disaffected persons. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 288.]

July 13. Windsor. Commission to Peter Shakerley to be Governor of the city and castle of Chester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 69, *p.* 120.]

July 13. Windsor. Warrant for the incorporation of the Apothecaries' Company on their surrender of their former charter, with the alterations and additions contained in the annexed paper. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 38.] *Annexed,*

The said paper containing the said alterations and additions and the names of the Master, Wardens, Assistants and Clerk to be inserted in the new charter. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 39.]

July 13. Windsor. Warrant for the incorporation of the borough of Swansea on their surrender of their former charter, with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*Ibid. p.* 41.] *Annexed,*

The said paper. That there be a Mayor of the borough instead of a Portreeve. That every Michaelmas Day shall be presented to the steward of the lord of the manor or borough, as has been used, a double number of those to serve, and the steward to choose the persons to serve and swear them as has been accustomed: viz., out of the Aldermen two to be presented, whereof he is to choose one to be Mayor; on the vacancy of one or more Aldermen a like number out of the Common Council to be presented to the steward out of whom he is to choose; out of the Common Council two to be presented, of whom the steward is to choose one to be Chamberlain; the steward and Mayor jointly have power to choose such as they shall think fit to be inferior burgesses. With other clauses and the names of the first Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council and officers. [3 *pages. Ibid. p.* 42.]

July 14. Windsor. Reference to Samuel Pepys, Secretary to the Admiralty, of the petition of Robert Gargrave for a grant of the remainder of some provisions put on board the *Delight* flyboat for victualling her for a month. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 403.]

July 14. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of Treasury of the petition of several artificers employed in building the mole at Tangier for an order for the speedy payment of their wages, they being five years and upwards in arrear. [*Ibid.*]

July 14. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the report of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster on the reference to him of the petition of Elizabeth, Dowager Lady Abergavenny. (Calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1236.) [*Ibid.*]

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July 14. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition with the papers annexed of Tobias Garbrand and Margaret, his wife, one of the sisters and co-heirs of Robert Mayott, deceased, for a grant to her of the estate of her said brother, which, in regard of their difference in discipline, he gave among the Nonconformist ministers. [*Ibid. p.* 404.]

July 14. Windsor. Warrant to Lord Dartmouth, Master General of the Ordnance, after reciting that the King has thought fit to send a proportion of brass and iron ordnance, etc., for Muley Hamet, Emperor of Suz and Morock, for issuing out of the stores 4 iron demi-culverins, home-bored, 9½ feet long, 3 brass demi-cannon 8½ feet long, one brass culverin 11½ feet long, with 100 iron round shot for each gun, 400 musket barrels and 400 snaphance locks for the same and 200 barrels of gunpowder, to be delivered to Capt. William Gifford, commander of the *Mermaid*, for the said prince. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 113.]

July 14. Windsor. Warrant to the same for entering on the quarter-books of the Ordnance Office Thomas Philipps as third engineer in the said office with an allowance of 150*l. per annum* to commence from 30 Sept., 1683, and to continue during pleasure. [*Ibid.*]

July 14. Windsor. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury or any other messenger for searching the house of Mr. Vargis in Tenter Alley in Little Moorfields for a person described, whose name is not known, who is supposed to be one of those concerned in the late conspiracy, and for taking him into custody with his papers and for bringing him before the Earl of Sunderland to be examined concerning the premises. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 166.]

July 14. Windsor Castle. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant for letters patent constituting John Price, Receiver of the revenue in Ireland, to be Receiver of all sums paid for compostions with the Commissioners for Defective Titles, to retain in his own hands 6*d.* in the pound as a salary to him and his clerks. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 306.]

July 15. The Bishop of Oxford to Sir Leoline Jenkins. On the receipt of your letter signifying that the difficulties concerning the passing the city's charter were happily removed by the Lord Keeper's interposition and that you desired the affair which had hung so long might be expedited, there being nothing undetermined but the time when the city desired to have their fairs, I yesterday wrote to Sir George Pudsey to signify the readiness of the University wholly to acquiesce in the Lord Keeper's judgment and further desired his instruction what he would have us do to assist in expediting the city's concern. Yesternight Sir George came and told me the city would waive having a greater number of

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Aldermen and having four fairs, and desired their charter might be renewed as it was without any mention of the night walk. I was very much surprised and told him Lord Abingdon had acquiesced in the Lord Keeper's judgment and desired that an end might be made according to it and that it would be a disrespect to the Lord Keeper not to admit of his determination. Sir George's answer was that it was the resolution of the city and he thought what my lord had done he intended as a favour to them, which they might waive, and that the city on better consideration found it would not be for their advantage to have any fairs. This was the whole of our communication, Sir George meeting me as I was going to prayers. This strange boggling of the city at the very mention of the night walk will, I suppose, let the Lord Keeper and all others see what is designed by the city in reference to it and that the University are not needlessly troublesome in their concern to have that their most necessary right continued to them, when others are so eager to have it disallowed. I hope, if trouble be given to his Majesty or the Lord Keeper, it will appear we are not parties to it. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom. Car. II.* 438, *No.* 25.]

July 15. Windsor. Warrant to the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire for the reprieve of Nathaniel Jon found guilty of burglary at the last Lincoln assizes and sentenced to death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 166.]

July 15. Windsor. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. "The last post brought me yours of the 17 (N.S.) from Dieren, by which I was very sorry to find that my daughter's eyes were not then quite well. I was as sorry to find by letters which came over by the same post that the Duke of Monmouth had been with you there. I am sure all that wish you well and the good of our family are of the same mind. I shall say no more on this subject nor have I time to say any more upon any other. . . ." [*Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 106.]

July 15. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. A *Quo warranto* having been some time since brought against the charter of York and they having not defended it, so that the King has obtained judgment against the city, for the better serving the present government thereof he has by a commission named a Lord Mayor and Aldermen after the same manner as London, which commission will be opened there by Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys on his arrival there on circuit.

On the promotion of Dr. Turner to the see of Ely the deanery of Windsor is disposed of to Hascard.

The Earl of Ossory is arrived here from the French camp and is preparing to go with the Duke of Ormonde, his grandfather, for Ireland with all expedition.

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'Tis said that the Elector of Brandenburg is offended with the French for demolishing the fortifications of Trier, that he has forbid the French ambassador staying longer in his court and expects satisfaction from the French King for it, he having some pretensions to the place.

Mr. Chudleigh, our envoy at the Hague, is arrived here, on what errand is not yet known.

Letters from Lisbon of 27 June advise that the *Pearl*, Capt. Bottome commander, having been cruising on the coast of Portugal, met with the Vice-Admiral of Sallee of 26 guns and 10 pedereroes and about 150 men. We fought several hours and at last took her and brought her into that place the week before, 97 Moors remaining, the rest being killed. She had taken just before four prizes, three English and one Dutch, and sent them away. Forty Christian slaves were on board, who have got their liberty. They add seven Algerine men-of-war were ready to sail to join the Grand Signior's fleet and confirm what I wrote to you last post, that they have not broke the peace with us, as was reported.

The waters at Tunbridge, 'tis said, agree not with her Royal Highness, so that it is believed her stay there will be but short.

Madame de Montespan, the so much talked of mistress of the French King, having been very lavish of her tongue to the disrepute of that King, is at present under some disgrace and, 'tis said, will be removed from him.

The *Gazettes* tell you of the great success of the Duke of Lorraine in taking Pesth and 'tis believed that our next letters from thence will bring an account of his taking the Castle of Buda.

The French army being retired now into Flanders and all volunteers being gone to Court, those countries, it is hoped, will have a little repose. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 94.]

July 17. The Bishop of Oxford to Sir Leoline Jenkins. Yesterday I received the enclosed from Mr. Moore, and therefore hasten it to you that you may see how matters stand here and that the alterations offered the Lord Keeper have not been owned as you were promised, but sent down with a less advantageous account. I doubt the best end that will be gained will be the salvo offered by the Lord Keeper with the omission of the word *legitimas*, which is an innovation now first obtruded on us, and, if we have this, we shall have no great reason to complain. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 26.] *Enclosed*,

W. Moore to the Bishop of Oxford. I gave you an account how acceptable your last advertisement of the University's inclinations to make a friendly end of this business by agreeing to the salvo proposed by the Lord Keeper was to my lord and that he would use his utmost endeavours to incline the city to acquiesce therein, and he has sent since to the Mayor and

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Recorder, but is much surprised to receive today a far different proviso given to the Lord Keeper by Sir L. Jenkins, where, instead of that short clause of the night walk which you thought he would be content with, is crammed in the substance of that paper which was desired before and which the Council of the city had positively refused. What Dr. Wallis or those who advised this design by it my lord cannot say, but he believes they neither design nor desire that friendly end which you and himself have so much laboured, since they could not think the city agents would swallow that in this proviso which they had refused in a clause by itself, and, as he is satisfied that besides any other ill consequences it will certainly destroy all the interest he might make for his Majesty in that city, so he can never consent to it and much less persuade them to do it, but rather be content with a confirmation of their old privileges, as you said the University would in that case be with one of their former salvoes. What he would beg of you further is that you would hasten this business, that, if he cannot have a good, he may at least have a speedy end and that he may certainly know the University's mind, in case the city should take only a confirmation of their old privileges, which he does not mention because he thinks he needs capitulate with the University or any other for so reasonable a thing, but because it has been always his custom rather to desire in a civil way than to take by power or law what he thought his right. 1684, *July* 14. *Astropp.* [*Ibid. No.* 26 I.]

July 17. Windsor. Warrant to the High Sheriff of Essex for the reprieve of Richard Coleman, found guilty at the last Essex assizes for picking a pocket and now in Chelmsford gaol condemned to death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 289.]

July 17. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor and Justices of Rochester. His Majesty, being informed of some difficulty made by you to permit James Adams, drummer, and George Ogleby, sergeant, belonging to the Royal Scotch regiment, to sell victuals and drink by retail, and taking into consideration that they formerly did the same when the said regiment was at Tangier, has commanded me to signify his pleasure that you permit them to take houses within your precincts and grant them licences to sell victuals and drink by retail. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 117.]

July 19. The Bishop of Oxford to Secretary Jenkins. As the University some time since acquiesced in the expedient the Lord Keeper made between them and the city, I understand Lord Abingdon joins in the same issue, so that I hope an end will be made to his further trouble in this affair and to yours and that, though neither body would hearken to terms proposed by the other, yet

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both will submit to what is directed by the Lord Keeper and imposed by his Majesty. When this matter is settled, I hope both corporations will deposit their animosities.

Postscript. Sir George Pudsey tells me he finds the citizens averse to any mention of the night watch. I tell him the University has referred all things to the Lord Keeper's arbitrament. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 27.]

July 19. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of Robert Fuller of Colchester, baysmaker, for a patent for an invention of making paper and pasteboards in whole sheets. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 405.]

July 20. The Bishop of Oxford to Sir Leoline Jenkins. Yesterday Mr. Moore came to me to expostulate the change in the University's clause for the preservation of their privileges, declaring that his lord was satisfied with the Lord Keeper's expedient but wondered at new additions. I told him that what he esteemed additions the Lord Keeper had judged to be no pressure on the city, but the University had submitted the affair to the Lord Keeper and would sit down by what should be determined concerning them. He then told me Lord Abingdon desired an end and that Sir George Pudsey should go up the beginning of the week to get the charter on the Lord Keeper's terms. He desired me to write in pursuance hereof and said he would call in the evening with Sir George for the letter. Accordingly I wrote to you and kept the letter open that they might see what I had wrote. But, when Sir George came, he told me the magistrates desired to waive all new concessions, so that there might be no mention of the night walk, but that we might have our usual salvoes. I showed him and Mr. Moore what I had wrote according to Mr. Moore's instructions and, though formerly there had been mention of what was now proposed as an alternative, yet now that the University had submitted to the Lord Keeper's expedient, they could not with any decency interpose further. Sir George then desired me to signify in a postscript what the city insisted on, which I did, and I presume that soon after this comes to you Sir George will attend you with the account, of which I give this notice. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 28.]

July 21. Canterbury. Deposition of James Thurbarne that he never received bounty money for Jacob Jones, but did receive 33*l.* 18*s.* wages, and believes that it was paid over to the family ; that he never made advantage by taking up seamen's tickets, but did it to prevent their spending money in getting them cashed—the 5*l.* given to Spratt was a loan, and not in part of a debt—and that he has divers entries in his books relating to his payments of Jones' money. [*Ibid. No.* 29.]

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July 21. Windsor. Warrant to the Archbishop of Canterbury for granting a dispensation to John, Bishop elect of Bristol, to hold *in commendam* with the said bishopric the rectory of Prestwitch, Lancashire, and the prebend of Fridaysthorpe in York cathedral, with leave of permutation of either of them for any other benefice or dignity of like or unlike nature. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 151.]

July 21. Windsor. Warrant for a grant to Thomas Mulgrave, prebendary of Durham cathedral, of the deanery of Carlisle, void by the promotion of Dr. Thomas Smith, the late Dean, to the bishopric of Carlisle. [*Ibid. p.* 152.]

July 21. Windsor. Warrant for a presentation of William Grahame, chaplain to the Princess of Denmark, to the dignity of a prebendary in Durham cathedral, void by the promotion of Dr. Thomas Smith to the bishopric of Carlisle. [*Ibid. p.* 153.]

July 21. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the Shipwrights' Company of London for a direction that no clauses be inserted into any new charter to be granted to the Company of Foreign Shipwrights of Redriffe to their prejudice, till they be heard. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 405.]

July 21. Windsor. Warrant for a *congé d'élire* to the Dean and Chapter of Ely for electing a bishop in the place of Peter Gunning, deceased, and for a letter recommending Francis, Bishop of Rochester, for election to that see. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 87.]

July 21. Windsor. Warrant to Col. John Strode, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, to swear and admit Edward Randolph to be a gunner in Walmer Castle in the place of John May, deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 69, *p.* 121.]

July 21. Windsor. Warrant for a patent for fourteen years to James Delabadie for his invention of an engine for beautifying cloths, friezes and other woollen manufactures in napping the same much better than the present manner. (*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 45.]

July 21. Warrant for the denization of Walraven Vonck of the parish of Stepney. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 46.]

July 21. Windsor. Commission to Sir William Boothe to be captain of the Duke of York's independent foot company in garrison at Portsmouth, whereof Capt. Hutchinson was late captain. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 114.]

July 21. Windsor. Warrant to the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, after reciting that Charles, Viscount Lansdowne, gentleman of the Bed-

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chamber, son and heir apparent of the Earl of Bath, having eminently manifested his valour on the part of the Emperor in his victorious army against the Turks in the siege of Vienna, the battle of Barracan and the taking of Gran and divers other places, in consideration thereof his Imperial Majesty has honoured him and his descendants with the title of Counts of the Sacred Roman Empire and also with the right to bear their paternal arms on the breast of the Imperial Eagle within a golden orbicular shield, as by his charter, dated at Lintz 27 Jan. last, more fully appears, of which title and favour the King has already declared his approbation to the Imperial Minister; for causing a true copy of the said Imperial charter to be forthwith registered in the Office of Arms. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 167.]

July 21. Windsor. Warrant for letters patent revoking the commission appointing the Earl of Rochester, Sir John Ernle and Sir Stephen Fox Commissioners of the Treasury, and appointing the Earl of Rochester, Sir John Ernle, Sir Stephen Fox, Sir Dudley North and Henry Frederick Thynne to be Commissioners of the Treasury. [*Ibid. p.* 168.]

July 21. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant, after reciting the report of the Lords of the Treasury and the documents prefixed thereto (all calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1218), for letters patent releasing and discharging the Provost, Fellows and Scholars of Trinity College from the overplus rent of 32*l. per annum* which the late farmers of the revenue endeavoured to charge on their lands in Kerry, with a declaration that none of the lands granted to them should for the future be liable to any further quit rents besides the 100*l.* to which the said rents have been reduced. [4 *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 307.]

July 21. Windsor. The same to the same. Warrant, after reciting that the Earls of Ardglass and Mount Alexander have represented that they with other noblemen and gentlemen in Down and other parts of Ireland have subscribed a considerable sum for the maintenance of a plate to be for ever run for within the said county and have prayed for the better effecting the said design to be created a body politic, and that the Lord Lieutenant has reported that the said proposals can be of no prejudice and in a few years may be of considerable advantage in bettering the breed of horses, for incorporating the said Earls and other the subscribers by such name and to consist of such officers and members and with such powers as he shall think fit. [*Over* 1 *page. Ibid. p.* 310.]

July 22. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of William Legg for a grant of the personal estate of Sir Thomas Armstrong. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 405.]

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July 22. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Deputy Lieutenants of Warwickshire. I sent you some time since directions concerning the arms seized from dangerous and disaffected persons. You are forthwith to take care that such of them as are not useful for arming the militia be delivered to Ralph Hope, postmaster of Coventry, and you are to transmit me his receipt for them to be delivered into the Ordnance Office. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 118.]

July 22. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a gift to Colin Mackenzie, advocate, for his life of the office of one of the two Clerks of the Privy Council of Scotland vacant by the decease of Patrick Menzies. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 501.]

July 23. Whitehall. Secretary Godolphin to Anthony Church, Keeper of the Gatehouse. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that he permit Joseph Hayes, prisoner in the Gatehouse for high treason, to have pen, ink and paper, but with this caution that the said Hayes deliver him back as many sheets of paper as he shall receive and that he be not permitted to convey any note or writing by any other hand but the Keeper's. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 290.]

July 23. Windsor. Warrant to the Ranger of Needwood Forest for permitting Robert Howard of Hore Cross to hunt in the forest till he have killed and carried away for his own use two brace of bucks and two brace of does. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *pp.* 168, 174.]

July 23. Windsor. Pardon to Hugh Montgomery, merchant, for killing Hugh Rutter, a private soldier, in Ireland. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 169.]

July 24. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Bishop of Durham. His Majesty, having received an account that the city of Durham have surrendered their charter into your hands, thinks it requisite that, before a new charter be granted or the old one confirmed, an account should be transmitted by you of the state of that corporation and of what alterations may be fit to be made in it, and, if you have any thing to offer for the better regulating the same for the future, he would have you inform him thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 118.]

July 24. Windsor. Warrant to Sir Thomas Exton, Advocate General, and Samuel Francklin, the King's Proctor, for causing process to be issued out of the Court of Admiralty for staying the *Rebecca*, lately called the *Betty*, whereof James May *alias* Caleb Cock is master, against which information has been given that she is suddenly going out on a voyage to Guinea to trade with the infidel inhabitants there, and that there is on board a great quantity of water cask iron bound filled with water as is usually carried for such voyages with many other circumstances showing that she intends for the coast of Guinea, as subjects ought not to trade with infidels

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without the King's licence and particularly not within the limits of the charter to the Royal African Company, until sufficient security be given that she shall not go to or trade with any infidels and particularly not within the limits of the said charter. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 169.]

July 24. Windsor. Warrant to the Justices of Assize for the Home circuit for inserting in the next general pardon for the Home circuit without any condition of transportation John Cole, who has been granted a reprieve. [*Ibid. p.* 171.]

July 24. Hampton Court. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant, after reciting that, the buildings in Dublin Castle formerly used for the residence of the Chief Governor having been of late consumed by an accidental fire and the old walls of the Castle being very ruinous and much of late decayed and also so high that the air within is not so healthful nor the habitation therein so pleasant as it might be otherwise, the King had therefore resolved to have the old walls and so many of the towers as shall be thought fit taken down and new buildings there erected for the residence of the Chief Governor, the same to be still and for ever called Dublin Castle, for causing the old walls and so many of the towers as shall be thought fit to be taken down in order to the rebuilding there according to the model the King shall hereafter approve of and direct. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 312.]

July 25. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition with the papers annexed of Capt. Robert Doughty, assignee of Sir William Semple, eldest son and executor of Sir Brice Semple, who supplied the late King with a loan of 6,000*l.* assigned to the petitioner for valuable considerations, praying, in regard thereof and of the great sufferings of himself, his father and family during the late usurpations and the great penury he is reduced to, a grant according to an Act of Parliament of a fifth of the discoveries he has made of several lands and rents forfeited to the King, which have paid no rents these many years, and two thirds of the residue of the said lands and rents for the term of 41 years in compensation of the said debt charges and sufferings. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 406.]

July 25. Windsor. Reprieve for Mary Marnor convicted at the last assizes held at Kingston of the killing of her bastard child and sentenced to die. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 170.]

July 26. Windsor. Warrant to the Recorder and Sheriffs of London for inserting in the next general pardon for poor convicts in Newgate without any condition of transportation James Waldron, found guilty of felony for having, being a soldier, deserted without leave and

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sentenced to death, and for his reprieve in the meantime. (*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 170.]

July 26. Windsor. Warrant to the Attorney General after reciting that Sir Henry Titchburne of Titchburne, Hampshire, was at the gaol delivery of Newgate for Middlesex, 13 Oct., 1680, convicted of recusancy, whereby he forfeited 20*l.* for not coming to church one month after 7 August in the said year, and that he in discharge of the said 20*l.* has pleaded that at the time of his said conviction and during all the said month he was so extremely sick of fever and gout at Titchburne that he was not able to make any appearance at the sessions, as appears by several affidavits, which plea is alleged to be sufficient for his discharge ; for signing and allowing the said plea. [*Ibid. p.* 171.]

July 26. Windsor. Denizations for Peter Blaenwenhaen, Jonas Peterson and Anthony da Costa. Minutes. [*Ibid. p.* 172.]

July 26. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a commission to John, Marquess of Athole, to be lieutenant in the shires of Argyle and Tarbat till 1 Dec. next, with power to him to convene and arm such of his friends and followers as he shall think convenient and to march with them into the said shires and to call to his assistance such as he shall think necessary out of the shires of Perth, Dumbarton, Bute, Inverness, Argyle and Tarbat and there to hold justice courts, to secure such as shall be given in list to him, to demolish or garrison such houses as shall be named by his Majesty or those having commission from him and to disarm such in the said countries as he shall think convenient. [*Over* 2 *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 503.]

July 26. Windsor Castle. Instructions to the Marquess of Athole as lieutenant in the shires of Argyle and Tarbat. 1. You shall march into the shires of Argyle and Tarbat with such a number of armed men as you shall judge fit for securing the government and your own person as lieutenant, the entertainment whereof is to be repaid out of the rents of the unconfirmed vassals. 2. You are to seize Lord Neill Campbell, Campbell of Ardkinlas, the lairds of Otter Barbreck, Ellangreg, Maconchy of Ineray, Ralston, Dunstafnage, Archibald Campbell, John Cameron of Glendesre, Donald Cameron his brother, Campbell of Airds and such others as you shall receive in list from the Secret Committee from time to time and transmit them to Edinburgh. 3. You shall take sufficient security from any other for keeping the peace and obeying the laws as you shall think fit and you are to secure those who refuse to do so. 4. You are to disarm all you shall find just reason to suspect as disaffected. 5. You shall demolish such castles in the said shires as the Secret Committee shall appoint. 6. You

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are to examine the indulged ministers in the said shires on the keeping of the instructions given them and are to remove from their churches such as have transgressed and secure them till they find surety either to leave the three kingdoms or else not to preach nor exercise any ministerial office within them. 7. You shall make all due search for the militia arms, cannon or other arms belonging to the late Earl of Argyle or any other suspected person as also for the King's arms which were in the late Earl's possession. 8. You are to search for the writs belonging to the said late Earl and transmit such as you shall find to the Privy Council. 9. You shall seize all horses fit for war in the possession of any disaffected person. 10. You shall oversee the placing of the garrisons by the several lieutenants as they shall send in their men and provisions. 11. You shall endeavour to discover what correspondence there is to those disaffected persons, either from Ireland, Holland or elsewhere, and whether any arms be already come or expected by them and acquaint the Secret Committee with what you shall discover, especially as to their correspondence with the said late Earl or the intercommuned ministers. 12. You shall make diligent search for all intercommuned persons or fugitives, whether ministers or others, who have been sheltered there and cause to be pursued according to law all such as have intercommuned with or resetted them or else transmit those guilty of those crimes to be judged at Edinburgh, and particularly you are to search for and seize Mr. Ord, Mr. Ren[w]ick and Michael Sheills. 13. In general you are to obey what further orders you shall receive from the King or the Secret Committee. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 505.]

July 26. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a protection to Beatrix Sanders, relict of Robert Douglas, for two years. [*Ibid. p.* 507.]

[1684.] July 27. H. F. Thynne (appointed a Treasury Commissioner 21 July) to Mr. Auditor Aldsworth. Requesting him to send him a short state of Mr. Hall's debt, the bond of 2,000*l.* on his contract being included. If it might be sent to-morrow morning it would be more convenient than at any other time. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 30.]

July 27. Windsor. Reference to Lord Chief Baron Montague of the petition of Richard Berney for the reprieve of his brother Thomas condemned at the Norwich assizes for killing Thomas Bedingfield. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 406.]

July 27. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Chief Baron. His Majesty having granted a reprieve to Thomas Berney till 8 Aug., I send you his petition, which his Majesty has commanded should be referred to you. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 119.]

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July 27. Windsor. Warrant to the Sheriffs of Norwich for the reprieve till Friday sennight, 8 August, and no longer of Thomas Berney, found guilty at the last Norwich assizes of killing Thomas Bedingfield and sentenced to death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 172.]

July 28. Windsor. Reference to the Recorder of London of the petition of John Selby, prisoner in Newgate on suspicion of high treason for clipping, praying that his petition might be referred to the Recorder of London to inquire into the accusation and the accusers and into the petitioner's behaviour and that he might be bailed in case it be reasonable. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 407.]

July 28. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Capt. Edmund Barry, son of Col. William Barry, deceased, praying that having in obedience to his Majesty's commands quitted his employment in France, where he was a captain in the Duke of Monmouth's regiment, he may have an allowance equal with the other officers who served in that quality or some employment and something for his present subsistence. [*Ibid. p.* 408.]

July 28. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Joseph Middleton, chirurgeon's mate, and James Scot, gunsmith to the foot regiment late at Tangier, for an order for payment of what is due to them. [*Ibid.*]

July 28. Windsor. Commission to Anthony Lowe to be brigadier and lieutenant in the room of Thomas Tuck of the King's own troop of Horse Guards, whereof the Duke of Albemarle is captain and colonel. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 114.]

July 28. Windsor. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. "Last week I had yours by Col. Douglas and another of the 27 (N.S.) by the post, by the last of which I see the hot weather and want of rain has been as troublesome and as inconvenient to you, where you are, as it is to us here, and for these four or five days past it has been hotter than ever. On Saturday I was abroad a stag-hunting and never felt so warm a day but do intend to hunt no more till we have rain. All things are very quiet here." [*Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest*, 3, *No.* 107.]

July 29. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the Attorney General's report on the petition of Capt. Philip Bell and Thomas Stratford, which report was that his late Majesty in the tenth year of his reign erected an office for gauging butter casks and granted the same to one Reade, and that an Act was passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty for limiting the weight of neat butter to be put into the casks and pots in order to sale and for prohibiting the mixture of corrupt butter under several penalties, but no

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officer is appointed by the Act to gauge the vessels and see to the execution of it, on consideration whereof he conceives his Majesty may by commission during pleasure authorize the petitioners to be his officers for gauging all empty butter casks and pots and for searching all butter put into casks for sale contrary to the said Act. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 55, *p.* 407.]

July 29. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lords of the Treasury. The King 29 May last signified to you by me that he well remembered his many assurances to Lord Ranelagh that he should not in the least suffer by his endeavour to serve him in his undertakings and that, being resolved to make good the same to him, he referred it to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and yourselves to consider and report which way an assignment proposed by Lord Ranelagh and a release desired by him might be effected. His Majesty, being now informed that no steps have been taken by you either for accepting the assignment or granting the release, has commanded me to signify to you again that, though he well knows that releasing Lord Ranelagh will lessen the security of the undertaking, bringing it from nine persons bound to eight, yet he is resolved to have him released and discharged forthwith, he first assigning to his Majesty the articles he has from Sir James Hayes, and therefore you are to give such orders both for accepting the assignment and despatching the release, as you shall think most effectual. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 119.]

July 29. Windsor Warrant for a patent for fourteen years to Christopher Jackson of Ryther, Yorkshire, for his invention of a mill or engine either for wind or water, which dissolves, whitens and grinds rags and prepares all other materials for making paper and pasteboard in far less time than the mills hitherto in use. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 173.]

July 29. Windsor. Warrant for a patent for fourteen years to John Skin of London for his invention of a way for casting of worms for alembics, stills and other uses in tin and copper without the help of the hammer. [*Ibid. p.* 174.]

July 31. Windsor. The King to the Master or in his absence the President or Vice-Master of Jesus College, Cambridge. After reciting that John Evans, senior B.A. of that college, was, on the vacancy of a southern fellowship by the resignation of [George] Roberts, elected and [Thomas] Long co-elected to the same, and that both were according to the statutes presented to the late Bishop of Ely for his confirmation of one of them, and that the Bishop dying before he had ratified the election of either the confirmation has devolved to the King, confirming the election of the said John Evans to the said fellowship and directing he should be forthwith admitted to the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 88.]

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Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. The Duke of Grafton is dangerously ill of a fever at Euston.

Last Sunday the Attorney General's daughter was married to the Earl of Pembroke. He had, it is said, 30,000*l.* portion.

By the French letters yesterday we had confirmation of a victory of the Duke of Lorraine over the Turks that came to the relief of Buda and that several thousands were killed.

Today his Royal Highness designed to go to Tunbridge.

Marshal Schomberg is actually on his march to the Rhine with 20,000 horse, which occasions no small alarm in those parts. If the Emperor and the King of Spain insist on a general truce, it is possible a peace may be far more remote than was expected.

Saturday the 25th was brought into Harwich by the Custom-house smacks a small sloop taken off Orfordness, laden with 22 packs of wool, bound for Dunkirk. Her bills of lading and invoices were taken out of the master's pocket. She was sent to the Custom house at Ipswich to be unladed and the vessel to be laid up.

Letters of 2 August advise that the Emperor's Envoy Extraordinary has presented a memorial to the States importing that his Imperial Majesty is ready to embrace the truce proposed by France with the inclusion of the allies, which the States after mature deliberation decided should be sent with their resolutions to their Ambassador in England ordering him to communicate it to his Majesty, and they have also sent the like copies to their Ambassador at Paris to communicate them to that King. In the meantime they have communicated it to the French Ambassador at the Hague, who, on perusal thereof finding the republic of Genoa and the Northern Crowns included, has by a memorial to the States signified that the same is contrary to the late treaty made with them and that the Emperor and the King of Spain are simply to accept or refuse the truce without insisting on the inclusion of their allies.

Yesterday the Justices of Middlesex held a court in the precinct of Spitalfields, having summoned the constables and headboroughs to attend. They committed fifteen to prison for refusing to take the oaths *ex officio*.

The bloody flux rages extremely at Linz, insomuch that the Emperor and the whole Court was parted thence for Vienna 3 August.

From Leghorn they write that a French man-of-war of 66 guns and 400 men engaged five Genoese and four Spanish galleys near that place, which prejudiced her much, but at length she escaped. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 95.]

July 31. Windsor.

The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the warrant of 16 Sept., 1680, for letters patent constituting the Earl of Arran Marshal of the Army in Ireland on the surrender thereof by Viscount Granard (calendared in *S.P. Dom.*, 1680–81, *p.* 22)

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and that nothing had hitherto been done therein by reason of some difficulties which have since been removed, for, immediately on the surrender of the patent of Marshal of the Army in Ireland by Viscount Granard or his advancement to the office of Lieut.-General of the said army, causing letters patent to be passed appointing the said earl Marshal of the Army there during pleasure with all the privileges and advantages appertaining to the said office, the salary now appointed to the said Viscount Granard as Marshal only excepted, which salary is to be paid to the said viscount during his continuance in the said office of Lieut.-General, and immediately after his death or his surrender of the said office of Lieut.-General is to continue annexed for ever to the said office of Marshal. [2¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 317.]

Aug. 1. Windsor. Commission to James Bigot to be ensign to Lieut.-Col. Marmaduke Boynton in the Queen's regiment of foot commanded by Lieut.-Col. Piercy Kirke. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 122.]

Aug. 2. Windsor. Reference to the Recorder of London of the petition of Thomas Browne, a prisoner in Newgate, condemned at the last Old Bailey sessions for stealing a tankard and ordered to be transported, for his liberty on bail, till he plead his pardon. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 1.]

Aug. 2. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of Colchester to accept of their surrender and to prescribe such powers, etc., in all future elections of their magistrates as his Majesty shall think fit. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 2.]

Aug. 2. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of Thomas Moore of Loftus, Yorkshire, for a patent for an invention for making better and cheaper alum and also for making out of the alum mines a curious crystal in alum or alum glass. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 4. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Devonshire. I received your letter concerning the difference apprehended between the Earl of Rutland and Lord Willoughby and have acquainted his Majesty, who has not given any directions in the matter. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 121.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Winchilsea. On your letter of the 20th I moved his Majesty for leave for you to go beyond seas, which he having agreed to, I enclose a pass. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 4. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Bishop of Winchester. His Majesty commands me to send you the enclosed petition and to

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tell you that, though he doubts not that you have proceeded regularly in the matter according to the College statutes, yet he would have you transmit an account to him of what has passed therein, and in the meantime he thinks it reasonable you should suspend all further proceedings till you have received his pleasure. [*Ibid. p.* 122.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. Warrant for a patent for fourteen years to Henry Howard and Richard Bret for their new invention of smelting copper and tin ore with sea coal or pit coal. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 46.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. References to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petitions of the boroughs of Harwich and Maldon to accept the surrenders of their respective charters and to prescribe the qualifications and restrictions for all future elections. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *pp.* 1, 2.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. Warrant to Lord Dartmouth, Master General of the Ordnance, after reciting that in a report dated 2 Feb., 1681[–2], by the committee appointed to examine the present state of the Tower it was thought fit that Sir Thomas Stringer's lodgings over St. Thomas' Tower at Traitors' Gate consisting of seven rooms, one being two stories high, should be taken for the King's service, which report was approved in Council 8 Feb., 1681[–2], and it was ordered that the necessary alterations and repairs be forthwith done, and that under a warrant of 13 July, 1682, the Master General of the Ordnance has required all things proposed in the said report to be performed with all convenient speed, in pursuance whereof notice was given to the said Sir Thomas to surrender the said lodgings, which he has accordingly done; for payment to the said Sir Thomas of 100*l.* in satisfaction for the loss of the said lodgings. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 115.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. Warrant to the same, after reciting the warrant of 14 July, calendared *ante*, p. 95, concerning ordnance, etc., to be delivered to Capt. Gifford; for causing such instructions to be given to the said captain as he shall think fit to sell and dispose of the said ordnance, arms and powder to the best advantage and remit the price thereof to the treasury of the Ordnance Office, and further for furnishing the said captain with an officer's tent and a French tent to be redelivered into the stores on his return from his voyage. [*Ibid. p.* 116.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. Warrant to the same for issuing 540 barrels of gunpowder to be shipped on board the *Centurion*, Capt. Ralph Wren commander, and for causing instructions to be given to him and Consul Erlismore for selling the same at Algiers to the best advantage, the moneys received from the sale thereof to be

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remitted to the treasury of the Ordnance Office for buying new gunpowder. [*Ibid.* p. 117.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. Warrant to the same for issuing 1,000 barrels of gunpowder for the service of Ireland and for shipping the same on vessels provided by the officers of the Navy for their transportation and for receiving from the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant, on his order in consideration thereof 2,500*l.* to be paid into the treasury of the Ordnance Office for carrying on the works and fortifications of Portsmouth. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 4. Windsor. Warrant for a licence to Edward, Earl of Gainsborough, and his heirs and assigns, to convey in pipes or otherwise through any of the King's highways and grounds the water from the springs within his manor of Hampstead to the cities of London and Westminster and the suburbs thereof for the use of the inhabitants at reasonable rates and for that purpose to set up engines and instruments and to dig and break up the earth and pavements within and without the said cities of any of the King's highways and grounds between those springs and the said cities for laying and repairing the pipes, making good the ground so dug at his or their charge, with a proviso that the patentee shall not prejudice the pipes or other conveyances of water already laid and that he shall not lay any pipes or make any works in the grounds of any subjects without a previous contract with the proper owner, reserving to the Crown (after the pipes shall be laid and the water conveyed therein) such rent as the Commissioners of the Treasury shall ascertain, not exceeding one third of the clear yearly profit of the said works over and above the charges of the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 175.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. Warrant to the Sheriffs of Norwich for the execution of the sentence of death passed on Thomas Berney for killing Thomas Bedingfield at the usual place of execution and not in the market place as directed in the said sentence. [*Ibid. p.* 176.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. Warrant to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, after reciting an order in Council of 13 June last, according to a proposal made by the Committee for Trade on the address of the island of St. Christopher's praying that for the strengthening thereof 300 malefactors might be transported thither, that the Lord Chief Justice or the Commissioners therein mentioned direct that the persons named in a list therein mentioned be sent to the said island and not to any other place, unless the King's pleasure be otherwise signified, till the said number be completed, and that —— Jeofferson, an agent in that behalf, refuses to take the convicts and transport them, unless he may choose the most able and valuable of them and leave the others in prison, and that no merchants can be found who will transport them, when the

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choice men are carried away, albeit the merchants heretofore used to transport the convicts indifferently and without choice; declaring that the King's intention is that the said number of malefactors be made up out of those that now are or hereafter shall be ordered to be transported indifferently and without choice and, in case the said Jeofferson or other agents shall refuse to take them in that manner, that they be delivered to such other persons for their transportation as the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench or the Recorder of London or either of them shall appoint. [*Over* 1 *page. Ibid.*]

Aug. 4. Windsor Castle. Commission to William, Lord Rosse, to be major of Col. John Graham of Claverhouse's regiment of horse. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 508.]

Aug. 4. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput. Warrant for payment of 5*s. per diem* to William, Lord Rosse, as major of the regiment of horse over and above his pay as captain in the said regiment. [*Ibid. p.* 509.]

Aug. 4. Windsor Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, Sir David Falconer of Newtoun, President, and the remanent Senators of the College of Justice. Having received a full information of the case relating to the *Patience* and *Palmtree* transmitted hither last February as a matter concerning our government and the explanation of the treaty with the King of Denmark, wherein you desire to know our opinion, and whereas the following queries arise, viz., if Danish ships be apprehended at sea, if the masters shall conceal and not exhibit their documents at the time of capture and have not sufficient passes conform to the formula of the treaty and no passes at all relating to that voyage, if these grounds be sufficient to confiscate the ships and lading, albeit it be thereafter proved that they belonged to the subjects of the King of Denmark, his Majesty's allies, or, if the ships and goods be restored, if the privateer can be any further liable than for the true value the ships and goods were publicly rouped and sold at after they were declared prize and, seeing the privateer had just grounds to bring up these ships in respect that they did not exhibit their documents at the time of the capture and had not sufficient passes conform to the formula of the treaty, if in that case the privateer ought not to have allowance of his damages, albeit the ships and goods be declared free, on full consideration of all which and of the third article of the rules and directions of 29 June, 1673, to be observed in the Court of Admiralty in the adjudication of prizes and of our letter to you of 11 Dec., 1680, relating thereto and of the constant practice of the Court of Admiralty in this kingdom and likewise of the 20th article of the treaty with Denmark in 1670, we find that the said ships not

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having had passes conform to the formula and having double and concealed documents is a sufficient ground for the confiscation of the ships and goods, albeit it be thereafter proved that they belonged to the subjects of the King of Denmark, our allies, and in the case of restitution of ships and goods brought up by the default of the masters, the privateer is no further liable than for the true value that the ships and goods were publicly rouped and sold at after they were declared prize, allowing costs to the privateer, and therefore we authorize and require you in this and all other cases of the like nature depending before you to decide according to this signification of our pleasure. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 510.]

Aug. 4. Windsor Castle.

Warrant for a charter to Sir William Bruce of Kinrosse and the heirs male of his body with remainders over of the lands and barony of Kinrosse otherwise called Lochlevine with the office of shirefship thereof on his own resignation and on the resignation of Patrick, Earl of Strathmore, John, Lord Burghly, Robert, Master of Burghly, his son, Robert Douglas of Strathenry and George and Elizabeth Douglas, and also of the teinds of the parochin of Portmoack, proceeding on an apprising thereof from William, Earl of Morton, at the instance of umquhile David, Earl of Wemyss, whereto the said Sir William has right from him, with a ratification of the jointure house and life rent of Dame Mary Halket, spouse to the said Sir William, and of two charters granted by James, Archbishop of St. Andrews, deceased, and Alexander, now Archbishop of St. Andrews, and of a third charter by the Principal and Masters of St. Leonard's College, St. Andrews, to the said Sir William of the lands and barony of Bishopshire and Kirknesse and others, and with a gift by his Majesty to the said Sir William of the patronage of the kirks of Kinrosse and Portmoack and with a dissolution of the same patronages from the lordship and regality of Dumfermline and an annexation thereof to the lands and barony of Kinrosse, but also with a separation of the said lands and barony of Bishopshire and Kirknesse with the prior's manse and Waird St. Serfe's Insch in Lochlevine and remanent lands in the parochin of Portmoach within the regality of St. Andrews and other lands in the parochin of Kinrosse and also all and sundry lands in the parochin of Cleish and Tulliebole and the barony of Cowthilgourdy from the shires of Fife and Perth and with an annexation of the same to the shire of Kinrosse, with a new gift and with a separation not only of the said barony of Kinrosse but also of the remanent lands hereby annexed to the shirefdome of Kinrosse from the barony and regality of Aberdour and with an union thereof into the barony and regality of Kinrosse and with an erection of the burgh of barony of Kinrosse with two new fairs yearly besides two former yearly fairs and a weekly market. [*Docquet.* 3 *pages. Ibid.* p. 512.]

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Aug. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a charter to David, Viscount of Stormont, his heirs and assigns, of the lands of Lockerbie and divers other lands on the resignation of Margaret, relict of Robert Kincaid, and James Shaw, executor to the said Robert, who apprised the same from James, Earl of Annandale, deceased, with a new gift and with an incorporation of the premises into the barony of Lochmaben. [*Ibid. p.* 515.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. The King to the Archbishop of Armagh, Lord Chancellor of Ireland. Requiring him to transmit the reasons why the Earl of Abercorn's grant is not passed under the Great Seal and also to take care that the reversionary estate intended to be passed to him be not granted away or confirmed to any other person till the King's further pleasure be signified, the said earl having represented that he had made some difficulty in passing the letters patent, because in the mean time the commission for confirming defective titles was opened. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 313.]

Aug. 4. Windsor Castle. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant, after reciting a grant to Thomas Sheridan of a pension of 500*l. per annum* to commence from 25 Dec., 1682, and to be paid him quarterly out of the English Exchequer, and that he has lately prayed instead of the said pension a grant of an annuity of 550*l. per annum* in Ireland to commence from 25 Dec., 1682, for a grant of 550*l. per annum* to him during pleasure to commence from 25 Dec., 1682, payable quarterly and to be placed among and paid as the temporary payments on the Irish establishment are usually paid and, the said pension of 500*l. per annum* being wholly unpaid, for an order on passing the letters patent for the said grant for payment to him of so much as he should have received in case the said letters patent had been actually passed on 25 Dec., 1682. [*Ibid. p.* 316.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. Additional Instructions to the Commissioners for Defective Titles in Ireland. Where any reversion or remainder on any estate tail shall belong to us on any forfeiture, escheat or otherwise, except the reversions of such estates tail as were of the gift of us or any of our predecessors, we authorize you to make grants thereof, the persons desiring such grants paying no more than one year's value of such lands, etc., according to the valuations above mentioned, but you are not to pass away any reversion of any estate tail that was of the gift of the Crown without first acquainting us and having received our directions by the Lords of the Treasury. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 32.]

Aug. 4. Windsor. Warrant to the Lord Lieutenant, after reciting that it has been represented by the Privy Council of Scotland that rebels and fugitives pass over from thence into Ireland, sheltering themselves

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there; for giving order from time to time for seizing such of them whose names shall be transmitted to him from the said Privy Council and for sending them to Scotland to be delivered into the custody of the persons appointed by the said Privy Council to receive them. [*Ibid. p.* 33.]

Aug. 5. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Deputy. His Majesty has commanded me to transmit the enclosed petition of Capt. Tuite to you with the signification of his pleasure that no patent be passed of Sir James Tuite's estate to any one till Capt. Tuite be heard.

I send you also some additional instructions to the Commissioners for Defective Titles. [*Ibid. p.* 31.]

Aug. 6. Windsor. Warrant for a grant of a baronetcy of England to George Shiers of Slyfield House, Surrey, and the heirs male of his body, with a discharge of services to be performed in respect of the said dignity or payments in lieu thereof. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 178.]

Aug. 7. Windsor. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. "I have had yours of the 7 (N.S.) and by it see you have had as dry a season as we have had here, but now I hope we shall have an end of it, for it has rained this morning above two hours and I hope we shall have more tomorrow. I am very glad to hear the Duke of Lorraine has had so good success near Buda against the Turks and I hope to hear by the next post from Flanders of that place is taken (*sic*). All things, God be thanked, are very quiet here and so have no news to tell you. . . ." [*Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 108.]

Aug. 8. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Lord Churchill. I am sorry I cannot give you so good an account as I could wish relating to the Mayor of St. Albans having granted a warrant for arresting some soldiers belonging to your regiment, for, though the warrant be illegal in itself, yet nothing can be done till the parties have been arrested. Nevertheless I think you may do very well to let the Mayor know that he ought to give the officers notice before he grant any warrant for arresting any soldier under their command, which may be a means to prevent the like proceedings for the future. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 123.]

Aug. 8. Windsor. Warrant for a grant and licence to the Ministers, Churchwardens and Congregation of the French church in the Savoy to enlarge their church or chapel according to a draft made by the Surveyor General of the Works and to use the same for their congregation, they having represented that their chapel is much too little for the congregation and having obtained the consent of the Master

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of the Savoy and the approbation of the said Surveyor General. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 178.]

Aug. 10. Farnham Castle. The Bishop of Winchester to Lord [Sunderland]. Sending in obedience to his Majesty's command a brief account of his proceedings with those of Magdalene College, Oxford, who lately petitioned the King against him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 31.] *Enclosed,*

The said account. On the vacancy of the Divinity Reader's place in the said college by the death of Dr. Rogers, the electors, the thirteen Senior Fellows then resident, were called together by the President to choose another, where Dr. Thomas Smith, a Fellow, pursuant to the custom of the college, after all his seniors had waived the said office, stood candidate for it. Nine of the electors without assigning any reason chose Dr. Bayly, his junior. He appealed to me as Visitor, which appeal I received and on a full hearing I conceived myself obliged to determine in favour of the appellant, Dr. Smith, and did so by making null, because irregular, the pretended choice of Mr. Bayly and enjoining them to go to a new election, which those that voted for him refusing to do after time given them to consider were by me proceeded against, on which they have implored his Majesty's interposition, but I hope to make it appear that my proceedings have been conformable to the statutes of the college and the custom of it and some injunctions of my own grounded on them, which the founder empowers me as Visitor to make, and that those which I made after my visitation in 1664 *they have till now submitted to, and a majority of those that now petition lately owned them to be a most excellent rule and expedient to preserve the peace and quiet of the college. (Then follow remarks on the petition to his Majesty.)* [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 31 I.]

Aug. 10. Windsor. Warrant to Edward Griffin, Treasurer of the Chamber, for payment to the gentlemen of the Chapel Royal of 20*l.* in lieu of three deer granted them yearly by custom. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 154.]

Aug. 10. Windsor. The King to the Wardens and Electors of Winton and New College. In a very special manner recommending Hugh May, son of Sir Richard May, to be chosen and admitted at the next election a child of Winchester College. [*Ibid. p.* 495.]

Aug. 10. Windsor. Warrant to the Attorney General, after reciting that Edward Thompson, late Lord Mayor of York, has represented by his petition that he was brought up by a messenger on suspicion of some offence but that after long attendance and making his appearance the second time no evidence has been brought against

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him, and therefore praying that the bond he entered into for his appearance may be delivered up and the prosecution against him stayed, a reference thereof to the Attorney General and his report dated 4 July, that according to an order in Council he exhibited an information against the petitioner last Hilary term, and that since no person has attended him to make out the evidence and that therefore he conceives it may be fit that a *Nolle prosequi* be entered to discharge the petitioner from further attendance; for a *Nolle prosequi* to discharge him from further attendance and for the delivery up of the said bond. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 291.]

Aug. 10. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of John Jennor of Gravesend, innkeeper, representing that for refusing the oath of allegiance he was committed to Maidstone gaol, and that several of his persuasion, having behaved peaceably and quietly, were the last Maidstone assizes discharged, and praying an order to the Attorney General to enter a *Nolle prosequi* and that he may be released, being free from all offence to the government except in this refusal. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 8.]

Aug. 11. Account of the charges on one doz. goat skins imported from Norway in the *Mary*. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 32.]

Aug. 11. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir Charles Holt, Sir William Dugdale and Dr. Hickes. His Majesty, having been moved on the petition and surrender of the Governors of Birmingham School, would have you consider of the regulations and alterations to be made in the new charter he intends to grant to the school and to transmit the same to him with a list of the names you propose to be Governors thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 123.]

Aug. 11. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir Edward Turnor for an order for 1,000*l. per annum*, till a debt of 10,000*l.* owing to his father, whose executor he is, be paid, out of some fund so settled that it may be made over to his creditors in satisfaction of their debts, or else for a grant of all the forfeitures of recognizances, fines and amerciaments at assizes and sessions and the fines and forfeitures on all penal statutes within the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertford, Cambridge and Huntingdon for seven years from Michaelmas term 1683 or till the said debt be fully paid. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 3.]

Aug. 11. Windsor. Commission to Capt. Took to be quartermaster of Sir Thomas Slingesby's troop in the Earl of Oxford's regiment. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 118.]

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Aug. 11. Windsor Castle. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant for a commission constituting the Earl of Longford, Lemuel Kingdon, William Strong, Robert Bridges and William Culliford Commissioners of the Revenue in Ireland in place of the four persons first named and William Dickinson, whom the King has called from Ireland for his service in England, with the salary of 1,000*l. per annum* to each of them. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 314.]

Aug. 12. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor of Rochester. I have received yours of the 4th and have acquainted his Majesty with your representation of the prejudice it would be to several inhabitants of that city, if licences should be granted to James Adams and George Oglebie, belonging to the Scotch regiment, to sell drink and victuals by retail, on which he directs me to tell you that he revokes his orders in that matter and leaves it to you and the rest of the Justices to grant such licences or not, as you shall think most convenient. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 124.]

Aug. 12. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Chamberlain. I communicated your letter of the 6th to his Majesty, who has ordered a *Quo warranto* to be brought against the corporation of Southwold. You will please acquaint the gentlemen who complained to you of the disorderly practices of the town herewith. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 12. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Roger L'Estrange. There are several foul complaints against Mr. Hills, the printer. You know him and what he has been and what he is. His Majesty will repose much on your report concerning him and how far you may judge him a fit object for his favour. [*Ibid. p.* 125.]

Aug. 12. Windsor. The same to the same. His Majesty, being given to understand that Barbara Peat, now living in Clapham, Surrey, is able to give information of some particulars relating to his service concerning Oates, would have you apply yourself to Sir Peter Daniell and Mr. Reading, two Justices of that county, for their assistance in this, as being persons of known loyalty and prudence who will be careful in any thing relating to his service. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 12. Windsor. Warrant for permitting Roger L'Estrange to peruse the examinations and papers in the custody of the Clerk of the House of Commons relating to the late Popish plot and for the delivery to him of such as he shall desire, he giving his receipt for the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 179.]

Aug. 13. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Richard Bishop and Edward Flemyng at Winchester. The King, having been acquainted

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with your letter of 24 July, would have you send by this bearer the affidavit of Bartholomew Johnson against William Griffith with what further information you may have met with since against Mr. Rudyerd, Mr. Jervoyse and Mr. Tilney, whom Griffith declared to have been guilty of the late conspiracy. As he conceives it would be much for his service that Griffith be apprehended, so he doubts not you will continue your utmost endeavours for effecting the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 126.]

Aug. 13. Windsor. Reference to Sir Thomas Jenner, Recorder of London, of the petition of William Flack, convict in Newgate for stealing a horse, praying to be inserted in the general pardon and to be admitted to bail. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 3.]

Aug. 13. Windsor. Like reference of the petition of Richard Enoss pardoned for stealing a tankard on condition of transportation, praying that the transportation may be remitted and he admitted to bail. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 13. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for causing John, Archbishop of Tuam, to be sworn of the Privy Council in Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 315.]

Aug. 13. Windsor. The same to the same. Warrant, after reciting that certain portions of tithe in several parishes of the diocese of Tuam, commonly called the *Quarta pars*, have been time out of mind enjoyed by the Archbishops of Tuam, which, if compensation were made for them, might be more conveniently settled on the incumbents of each parish, and that the wardenship of the collegiate church of St. Nicholas in Galway is void and in the King's gift, for causing letters patent to be passed for the perpetual union of the said wardenship to the see of Tuam, and in those patents there are to be secured to the vicars of the respective parishes and their successors for ever such portions of tithe called the *Quarta pars* as shall arise in their parishes, they paying to the Archbishop a proportionable increase of proxy in acknowledgement of such addition, saving always to the present Archbishop during his continuance in the said see all his right to the said *Quarta pars* in consideration of his great expenses for the further securing of the estate of the Church according to the desire of his clergy under their hands exhibited to the King. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 14. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Gainsborough. I received a letter from you recommending Sir George Browne and Thomas Brocas to be Deputy Lieutenants of Hampshire. His Majesty approved of them, but I did not signify it to you, because I was informed Secretary Godolphin had already done it, which

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finding now to be a mistake, I enclose his Majesty's approbation of them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 126.]

Aug. 14. Windsor. On the report of the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of John South for a grant of the estate of Richard Nelthorpe (which report is calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Papers, Vol. VII*, *p.* 1274), direction that it be transmitted back to them to give order for passing such a grant to the petitioner as they shall think requisite. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 4.]

Aug. 14. Windsor. Royal approbation of Sir George Browne and Thomas Brocas to be Deputy Lieutenants of Hampshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 118.]

Aug. 14. Windsor Castle. Commissions to Sir Philip Anstruther, elder of that ilk, to be lieut.-colonel and captain of a company and to —— Anstruther, younger of that ilk, to be major and captain of a company of the militia foot regiment in the shires of Fife and Kinrosse whereof Lord Sinclair is colonel, and to —— Balfour of Balbirnie to the lieut.-colonel and captain of a company and to —— of Strathendry to be major and captain of a company of the militia foot regiment in the shires of Fife and Kinrosse whereof John Drummond of Lundin is colonel. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *pp.* 516–519.]

Aug. 14. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a protection to —— Hepburne of Humbie for two years. [*Ibid. p.* 520.]

Aug. 15. London. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. "My going for Chatham on Tuesday morning last to see in what condition the ships and magazines in that place were was the reason why I did not then answer yours of the 14 (N.S.), in which you told me of my daughter's being troubled again with her sore eyes and made her excuse for her not writing then. By this last post I have had one from her, by which I was glad to find her eyes were somewhat better. I hope the Spa water may do her good, which she wrote me word she was agoing to take. We here had some rain as well as you and the grass begins already to look green. Tomorrow all we of St. James' are to go for Windsor and the 26th of this month for Winchester. . . ." [*Over* 1 *page. Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 109.]

Aug. 16. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a gift to John, Marquess of Athole, his heirs, assigns and subtenants, during his continuance in the office of Lieutenant and Justiciary of the shires of Argyle and Tarbett, of the house, park and milne of Inveraray in the shirefdome of Argyle and assigning to him and them all profits, etc., of the same since the late Earl of Argyle's forfeiture. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 521.]

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Aug. 16. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a gift to Charles, Earl of Middleton, of the lands therein described, parts of the lordship and barony of Auchinleck in the parochin thereof and shirefdome of Ayr, which pertained to John Cochrane of Waterside, second son to Sir John Cochrane of Ochiltree, and are now fallen in his Majesty's hands and at his gift by reason of forfeiture through the said John Cochrane being convicted and forfeited for treason and rebellion, and likewise for a gift to the said earl of all other lands and goods and gear which pertained to the said John Cochrane at the time of his committing the said treason and rebellion or have since fallen to him or which may fall to him as heir, executor or next of kin to the said Sir John, his father, or to William, Earl of Dundonald, his grandfather, or to any of his brethren or sisters or otherwise fallen in his Majesty's hands and at his gift by reason of the said forfeiture, with a new gift of the premises. [*Over* 2 *pages. Docquet. Ibid. p.* 522.]

Aug. 17. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Deputy. Warrant for a grant of a baronetcy of Ireland to Abraham Yarner, muster-master general of Ireland, and the heirs male of his body in consideration of his services and those of his father, Sir Abraham Yarner, late muster-master general, who commanded the King's own troop, when he was Prince of Wales, with a discharge of services to be rendered or payments in lieu thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 319.]

Aug. 18. Windsor. Warrant for the restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of Bristol to John, now Bishop of that see. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 155.]

Aug. 18. Windsor. The King to the Bishop of St. Asaph. Whereas by our letters of 1 April, 1679 (calendared in *S.P. Dom.*, 1679–80, *p.* 113), we declared we would endeavour to secure that it should not be in the power of any bishop to make any lease of the manor and lands in Meliden than should continue longer than his own time, but now being informed that you have undertaken to the Archbishop of Canterbury to increase the reserved rent of the said manor from 20 marks as it now is to 20*l. per annum* and to reserve all the royalties and therein the leadmines and to cause diligent search to be made for lead ore in all the likely places of the manor, whereby the revenue of that see will be more improved than it could have been by the way proposed by your predecessor, we repeal our said letters, permitting you to renew a lease of the said manor and lands with the clauses, conditions and reservations above mentioned by adding two lives to the life still in being or by putting in three new lives as you shall agree with the present tenant. [*Nearly* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 156.] *Annexed,*

[*The Bishop of St. Asaph to the Archbishop of Canterbury.*]

The lordship of Meliden lying within three or four miles of St.

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Asaph is worth about 100*l.* per annum, *being the only thing of that value belonging to that see. At present only* 20 *marks* per annum *are reserved to the Bishop without any other emolument from thence, the royalty and all other appurtenances being granted to the tenant by a lease for three lives, whereof at present only one is in being.*

In Bishop Barrow's time at first three lives were in being. Then by virtue of a special Act enabling the Bishops of Bangor and St. Asaph to grant leases of their leadmines for 21 *years binding on their successors, the Bishop had granted Sir Henry Archpole a lease of all the leadmines (of which one was already found and all others to be found) in any part of his lands in or out of lease, paying for the mine already found* 27*l. a ton and for all mines thereafter to be found* 12*l. per ton to the Bishop. Sir Henry, finding there was great appearance of lead ore in parts of the lordship of Meliden, got the Bishop to treat with his tenant about it, who several times endeavoured to get leave for Sir Henry to dig for lead ore, which the tenant would not grant him unless he would covenant to pay him* 40*l. a ton besides the rent to the Bishop and by that unreasonable demand obstructed the work.*

Not long after one of the lives fell in, when the Bishop would have got the tenant to renew in hopes of getting in an exception for all the lead ores there, but the tenant would not renew but on unreasonable terms, which so moved the Bishop that he got the King's letters (above recited) sent down.

Bishop Barrow being disengaged from Sir Henry granted a new lease to his nephew and secretary for 21 *years from* 1677 *of all the lands and lead ore in any lands in or out of lease belonging to the Bishop of St. Asaph at* 16*l. per ton for the mine already found and* 12*l. per ton for any other mine. Thus matters stood when the present Bishop came to the see.*

A second life has fallen, and, there now being only a single life in being, though that of a man of thirty and likely to live, the tenant is willing to fill his lease though with the exception of the lead ore and all other royalties to the Bishop. Last March the Bishop got the said lessees of the mines to surrender their lease, from which he has reason to expect a great benefit, in case there be a reservation of lead and lead ore in the lordship of Meliden, which reservation is not to be had except by renewing the lease. His three predecessors since the restoration have had constantly 100*l.* per annum *or upwards from their lead mines, which are now so spent that he never had* 10*l.* per annum *from them.*

In these circumstances he thinks it best not only for himself but his successors to renew the lease of Meliden and therefore desires his Grace's consent to it, promising first that he will increase the rent to 20*l. a year,* 2. *that he will reserve all the*

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royalties and therein the said lead mines, 3. that he will cause diligent search to be made for lead ore in all the likely parts of that lordship, some of which have lead ore in open view, in others it has been dug up in sinking wells and one where it was ploughed up in considerable quantities.

If the present bishop lose this opportunity, there is reason to doubt that some of his successors may make use of it not so much to the advantage of the Church. [2½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 158.]

Aug. 18. Windsor. Royal assent to the election by the Dean and Chapter of Ely of Dr. Francis Turner, Bishop of Rochester, to be Bishop of Ely. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 89.]

Aug. 18. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of Newark-on-Trent surrendering their charter and praying a grant of a new one. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 8.]

Aug. 18. Windsor. Warrant for a grant to Joannes Segeri Weidenfeld of the sole right of printing and publishing for fourteen years the tract *De Secretis Adeptorum*, which he has composed with much study and great expense. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 181.]

Aug. 19. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Bishop of Winchester. I have presented to his Majesty your answer to the petition of several Fellows of Magdalen College, Oxford, on which he directs me to let you know that, though he makes no question but you have proceeded regularly, he could not refuse the complainants' request, which is, to have it heard before him, and accordingly he has appointed to hear all parties concerned on the second Council day after Michaelmas, and in the meantime he would have you suspend all further proceedings in it. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 127.]

Aug. 19. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir John Knight. This morning I laid your letter of the 16th before his Majesty, who commands me to inform you that Mr. Gough's petition is already referred to the Mayor and Town Clerk of Bristol and that, in case they find no objection against him, his Majesty intends he shall have the benefit of what he prays, which his Majesty is very desirous of in consideration of his constant loyalty and good service. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 19. Warrant for a grant of a baronetcy of England to Sir Robert Dashwood of Northbrooke, Oxfordshire, and the heirs male of his body, with remainder to the heirs male of the body of George Dashwood of Hackney, Middlesex, deceased, and for a grant to Margaret Dashwood, widow of the said George Dashwood, of the privileges and precedence of the wife or widow of a baronet,

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the warrants for creating the said George Dashwood a baronet having been signed but not having passed the Great Seal by reason of his death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 47.]

Aug. 19. Windsor. On the petition of John Smith and Barnabas King, D.D.s, Thomas Stafford, Doctor of Laws, John Chambers and Robert Almont, B.D.s, and Charles Aldworth, Richard Strickland, Philip Clarke and John Davis, M.A.s, Fellows of Magdalene College, Oxford, representing that, they having elected Dr. Thomas Baily Divinity Reader of the College in room of Dr. Rogers, deceased, Dr. Thomas Smith, one of the senior Fellows, who stood for the said readership, appealed to the Bishop of Winchester, who declared the election void and required them to elect Dr. Thomas Smith, which they conceive they cannot comply with without violating their statutes and oaths and that for not complying they are put out of commons and threatened to be expelled, and praying for a hearing, his Majesty appoints to hear the matter in Council the second Council day after Michaelmas next, whereof the Bishop of Winchester and all others concerned are to take notice and in the meantime all further proceedings are to be suspended. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 6.]

Aug. 20. Windsor. Restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of Ely to Dr. Francis Turner, Bishop of that diocese. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 89.]

Aug. 20. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir William Booth for a grant of the estate of Mary Aynsworth, being 100*l. per annum*, in case she be convicted of murdering her bastard child, for which she is to be tried at the next Lancashire assizes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 6.]

Aug. 20. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Henry Doughty, an attorney, for an order for payment of several sums expended besides other sums he is liable to in the prosecution of three indictments of Thomas Row of Dover and ten others for loading wool with intention to export it, being appointed to solicit the prosecution of them by Mr. Attorney, submitting himself to his Majesty's pleasure as to his own fees for writing and his attendances in the solicitation of this matter. [*Ibid. p.* 7.]

Aug. 20. Windsor. Reference to Lord Jermyn, Governor of Jersey, of the petition of William Darby, late drummer to Sir John Lanier in Jersey Castle, praying that, John Shettleton having drawn his sword against the petitioner on the guard, which caused a disturbance wherein Shettleton was knocked down, who soon after died, but whether by any hurt given by the petitioner or any other [is

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unknown], his Majesty will order all prosecution against him [to be stayed] till his further pleasure be known. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 20. Windsor. Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of Henry Manfield, a prisoner in the King's Bench on conviction and a fine for 1,000*l.*, which he is not able to pay, praying to be removed to the Fleet. [*Ibid. p.* 9.]

Aug. 20. Windsor Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Warrant for a commission to some of their number to go to the southern and western shires and act there according to the annexed instructions. (The purport appears from the commission printed in *Wodrow, Vol. IV, p.* 113.) [*Over* 1 *page. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 524.]

Aug. 20. Windsor Castle. The said instructions. (Printed in *Wodrow, Vol. IV, p.* 114.) [4½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 526.]

Aug. 20. Windsor Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Warrant for a proclamation for continuing the adjournment of the parliament till 10 March next from 9 Sept. next, to which it stands adjourned. [*Ibid. p.* 530.]

Aug. 20. Windsor Castle. The same to the same. Warrant for giving the necessary orders for raising voluntarily 250 men needful for the recruit of the Earl of Dunbarton's Scotch regiment entertained for the King's service in England. [*Ibid. p.* 531.]

Aug. 20. Windsor. The King to Sir James Kennedy, Conservator of the privileges of the Scotch in the seventeen provinces of the Low Countries and Resident therein for the affairs of Scotland. Whereas it has been represented by the late convention of the Royal burghs that the magistrates and town of Campveer have violated a great many of the most material articles of the staple contract betwixt them and the said town and ratified by us, whereby many great inconveniencies have happened to the trade of that kingdom according to the informations of the factors at the staple port produced in the said convention, we, in case the said magistrates and town have failed as above alleged, empower you to treat with the magistrates of any other town as you shall find it most convenient and advantageous to have the said staple settled and, when you shall discover the best terms to be expected, we require you to report the same to us before concluding or signing the articles of agreement. [*Ibid. p.* 532.]

Aug. 20. Windsor Castle. Warrant for a protection to John Penman, merchant in Edinburgh, for two years. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 533.]

Aug. 21. Windsor. Warrant to the Governors of the free school at Birmingham to produce all the writings, orders, decrees and other papers

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belonging to the said school to Sir Charles Holt, Sir William Dugdale and Dr. Hicks, Dean of Worcester, who have been appointed to inspect them and to give an account thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 182.]

Aug. 22. Edinburgh. The Earl of Perth, Sir George Mackenzie and J. Drummond to the Earl of Sunderland. Requesting him to oppose any violation of their rights in the colony of East New Jersey derived to all these plantations from his Royal Highness, the honour of being under him being their chief motive to purchase there.—We shall not trouble you with particulars, leaving that to those who will wait on you, only we crave leave to show that Master Penn's interest prevailing with him more than the unconcernedness in the world pretended to so much by him has induced him to endeavour a suppression of our rights and privileges, thereby proposing to increase a trade in Delaware river. But besides the injustice of this it appears more advantageous for the colony of New York that there should be a flourishing neighbourhood in East Jersey than in remoter places. [*S.P. Dom., Car II.* 438, *No.* 33.]

Aug. 23. Windsor. Warrant for a patent for fourteen years to Thomas Moore of Loftus, Yorkshire, of his invention for making better and cheaper alum and also for making out of the alum mines a curious crystalline alum or alum glass and preparations of alum with other matters with medicinal, chirurgical, metallic and mineral improvements. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 183.]

Aug. 23. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the report of the Lords of the Treasury dated 31 July, 1684, and the documents thereto prefixed (all calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1265), for a grant to Wentworth, Earl of Roscommon, his heirs and assigns, of all the lands and hereditaments, goods and chattels, which belonged to Capt. Thomas Walcot at the time of the treason committed by him and by reason thereof become forfeited, reserving to the Crown such Crown rent, quit rent and reservations as were due from the said Walcot out of the premises at the time of the said high treason committed by him. [2½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 325.]

Aug. 24. Windsor. Warrant for a grant to Edward, Lord Ward, and his heirs of two fairs to be held yearly in the town and manor of Dudley on 27 April and 21 Sept., and to continue for two days, it having been found by inquisition that such a grant will be no prejudice to the Crown or the neighbouring fairs. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 48.]

Aug. 24. Windsor. Warrant, after reciting that the Ladies Anne, Elizabeth and Mallet Wilmot, daughters and co-heirs of John, late Earl of

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Rochester, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and sole heir of John Mallet, deceased, have by their petition stated that in 1662 a commission under the Great Seal was directed to John Coventry and others to treat and compound with all owners of lands, mills, etc., for recompense to be made them by the said John Mallet for whatever should be necessary to be had for making navigable a certain river leading from Bridgwater towards Taunton in Somerset and thence to Bradford Bridge, which work, they allege, was finished and all persons therein concerned paid and satisfied by the said John Mallet at his own charge and a warrant was granted him to be passed into a patent for his quiet enjoyment thereof, but that by the neglect of the persons employed by him the said warrant miscarried, and therefore prayed letters patent for the quiet enjoyment of the said river; the King being satisfied that granting the sole navigation thereof to the petitioners will be of no detriment but of advantage to the county of Somerset, provided it go no further than now, namely to Ham Mill, for a grant to the petitioners and their heirs of the sole navigation of the said river, but with a proviso that the said navigation go no further than now, namely to Ham Mill. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 49.]

Aug. 24. Windsor. Warrant for a grant to Charles, Earl of Middleton in Scotland, of the office of Secretary of State in the place of Sidney Godolphin, fee 100*l. per annum.* [*Ibid. p.* 52.]

Aug. 24. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor, Governors and burgesses of Beverley, submitting themselves to his Majesty's pleasure and praying a continuance of their former charters with such regulations as his Majesty shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 9.]

Aug. 24. Windsor. Reference to the same of the petition of the same for a yearly cattle fair on the Thursday next before 14 February. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 24. Windsor. Grant of the office of one of the Principal Secretaries of State to the Earl of Middleton in the place of Sidney Godolphin. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 183.]

Aug. 24. Whitehall. Warrant to Col. John Strode, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, to admit and swear Robert Tayler to be a gunner in Deal Castle in the place of Thomas White, deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 359, *p.* 185.]

Aug. 24. Windsor. The King to the Lord Deputy. Warrant for payment to the Earl of Ranelagh of two sums of 3,400*l.* and 2,579*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* and of his salary and pension. (The purport appears from the draft thereof which is calendared in full in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1297.) [*Nearly* 4 *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 320.]

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Aug. 24. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the grant dated 17 April, 1674, to the Earl of Ranelagh of the office of Constable and Governor of Athlone Castle and Governor of Athlone and the barony of Athlone and the half barony of Moycarn, co. Roscommon, and the territory of the Brawney, co. Westmeath, with a fee of 100*l. per annum*, for, at the request of the said earl, giving all necessary and effectual orders for inserting the said fee in the Military List of the present establishment for Ireland, making it payable to him from 25 March last during his continuance in the said government, and also for giving effectual orders for payment to him of whatsoever is due to him of the said fee from 29 Sept., 1682, to the said 25 March last. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 323.]

Aug. 25. Whitehall. The King to the Trustees of Sutton's Hospital in the Charterhouse. Signifying his pleasure that they elect and admit Paul son of Allen Garroway of the city of London, in consideration of his father's loyalty and his sufferings for the same, to the first scholarship void after such as have already obtained letters for the like places. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *pp.* 491, 493.]

Aug. 25. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Capt. Gifford. The King of Suz, Muley Hamet, having sent the King some horses, and his Majesty having in return sent him a present, which is embarked on board the *Mermaid*, his Majesty directs me to tell you that, as soon as you shall arrive at Santa Cruz in Barbary, you are to deliver the said present to the Governor there to be sent to the King, his master, and you are to dispose of the other things according to the directions you have already received. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 128.]

Aug. 25. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor of Windsor. His Majesty commands me to let you know that, though you have surrendered your charter, you may proceed to elect the officers of your corporation for the ensuing year at the usual time now approaching, not doubting that you will choose loyal and well-qualified persons. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 25. Windsor. The King to the Master of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. Willing and requiring him forthwith to admit Samuel Brook, senior B.A. of that college, to the fellowship now vacant by the resignation of William Scott, any statute, etc., to the contrary notwithstanding. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 89.]

Aug. 25. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of Joshua Haskins of London, merchant, for a patent for his invention of beautifying several sorts of cloth, serges and other manufactures by impressing several indented lines resembling

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wale of tabby and thereby watering, damasking, etc., the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 10.]

Aug. 25. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Abigail Williams, executrix to the late Viscount Brouncker, for an order for payment of 4,500*l.* due to him on an annuity of 1,000*l. per annum*, his Majesty retaining a gracious sense of his many faithful services and being disposed to satisfy the petitioner. With note that this was renewed 16 May, 1685, in the same terms to the Lord Treasurer. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 25. Windsor. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Caroline Wyndham, daughter of Sir Edmund Wyndham, and May Elyott, daughter of Thomas Elyott, deceased, for a grant of the estate of John Ayliffe, a younger brother of a small fortune in Wiltshire, forfeited for high treason, his Majesty retaining a gracious sense of the loyalty and services of the petitioners' fathers and being disposed to gratify them. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 25. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter of Chichester, praying that in the new charter of Chichester the rights, privileges and immunities belonging to their church may by clear expressions be preserved. [*Ibid. p.* 11.]

Aug. 25. Windsor. On the petition of Robert Gargrave referred to Mr. Pepys and his report dated 30 July, 1684: 1. That by Lord Dartmouth's order the petitioner had, as alleged, the fitting forth of the said vessel and furnishing her with provisions of the species and for the uses therein specified; 2. That the whole of the said provisions unexpended for his Majesty's use at the end of the voyage, for which therefore the master seems to remain accountable to his Majesty, is computed by Sir Richard Haddock, Comptroller of the Navy, to rise to the value of 55*l.* 17*s.* 5½*d*; 3. Which remainder or so much thereof as the said master cannot rightly discharge himself of as issued for the King's service may, if his Majesty please, be delivered to the petitioner without prejudice to his service as consisting of species not ordinarily used in the Navy; direction that the said report be transmitted to the Secretary of the Admiralty to give the requisite orders, his Majesty being disposed to gratify the petitioner. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 25. Windsor. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Warden, Bridgemasters, Burgesses and Commonalty of Maidenhead to propose heads for a new charter. [*Ibid. p.* 12.]

Aug. 25. Windsor. Warrant to Lord Dartmouth, Master General of the Ordnance, after reciting the warrant of 4 Aug., calendared *ante, p.* 111, for sending gunpowder to Ireland and that it had been found

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requisite to send some other stores thither, for issuing and putting on board the vessel provided for transporting the said gunpowder the particulars following, viz., 8 drums for 3 troops of dragoons and one company of horse grenadiers, 14 drums for 7 companies of foot grenadiers, 200 bayonets for 3 troops of dragoons and one company of horse grenadiers, being 50 for each, 420 bayonets for 7 companies of foot grenadiers, being 60 to each, and 8 halberts for 3 troops of dragoons and a company of grenadiers, the same to be delivered to the Master and other officers of the Ordnance in Ireland to be disposed of according to the directions of the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant, or his Deputy, and further for receiving from the said Lord Lieutenant or his order 185*l.* 14*s.*, being the value of the said stores according to the rates usually paid for the same in the Ordnance Office. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 123.]

[Aug. 25.] Warrant for letters patent determining those constituting the Earl of Rochester, Sir John Ernle, Sir Stephen Fox, Sir Dudley North and Henry Frederick Thynne Commissioners of the Treasury (calendared *ante*, *p.* 101) and for constituting Sidney, Lord Godolphin, and the said Sir John Ernle, Sir Stephen Fox, Sir Dudley North and Henry Frederick Thynne Commissioners. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 184.]

Aug. 25. Windsor. Grant of the dignity of a baron of England to Sidney Godolphin and the heirs male of his body by the title of Baron Godolphin of ——. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

[Aug. 25 ?] Warrant to the Earl of Bath for swearing and admitting Piercy Kirke to be one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber but without fee and on the first vacancy after Henry Buckley to enjoy all fees, etc. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 25. Windsor. Reprieve for John Hawley convicted at the last Kent assizes at Maidstone for a rape. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 185.]

Aug. 25. Windsor. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for a grant of a baronetcy of Ireland to Sir Henry O'Neile and the heirs male of his body with a discharge of all services in consideration thereof and all payments in lieu of the same. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 238.]

[Aug. ?] Memorandum that the stewardship of Newcastle-under-Lyme was granted to Leveson Gower 10 Dec., 1678, during pleasure, passed by Sir Robert Carr, then Chancellor of the Duchy, Sir Thomas Chicheley being now Chancellor. If he have any authority from the Queen, it is by deputation from Lord Arlington, her High Steward. Fee, 1*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 34.]

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Aug. 26. Windsor. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir Thomas Chicheley. His Majesty would have Mr. Leveson Gower put out from being Steward of Newcastle-under-Lyme, which his Majesty is informed he holds only during pleasure, and therefore he would have you give order for revoking his grant. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 129.]

Aug. 26. Windsor. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. "I have received yours of the 26 (N.S.) by which I am very glad to find the waters agree so well with my daughter and hope they will have the effect she expects from them. As for news his Majesty on Sunday last in Council declared several alterations he had made as Lord Rochester President of the Council and Mr. Godolphin to succeed him in the Treasury and since has made him an English baron. The Earl of Middleton is Secretary of State. Lord Rochester had long desired to be out of the Treasury and prest me and his friends in it very much and those who were not his friends knew nothing of it till it was resolved on. I am just agoing to take coach for Winchester and so must end. . . ." [1½ *pages. Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 110.]

Aug. 26. Windsor Castle. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Warrant for admitting to the Privy Council James Douglas, colonel of the regiment of Guard. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 534.]

Aug. 26. Windsor Castle. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput. Warrant for payment of 100*l.* sterling to Anna, Countess Dowager of Marischal. [*Ibid. p.* 535.]

Aug. 28. Winchester. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Burgesses of Bradnies *alias* Bradninch, Devon, surrendering their charter and praying a new one with such alterations as his Majesty shall think fit, in the same terms as the Maidenhead reference calendared *ante, p.* 129. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 13.]

Aug. 28. Winchester. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Edward Progers, Groom of the Bedchamber, for a grant to him for the benefit of himself and his partners, who have purchased the interest of Sir Robert Killegrew, of a term for 41 years in divers pieces of land encroached on the Thames in the parishes of Redriffe and St. Mary Magdalen, Surrey, to commence from the determination of a former grant for 31 years under the like rents, covenants and provisoes. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 29. Winchester. Grant of a baronetcy of England to George Chute of Hinksell Place, Kent, and the heirs male of his body with the usual discharge. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 185.]

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Aug. 29. Winchester. Warrant to the Recorder of London for inserting in the next general pardon for poor convicts of Newgate without any condition of transportation Thomas Browne, who at the last Old Bailey sessions was convicted of stealing a silver tankard and sentenced to death but pardoned on condition of transportation. [*Ibid.*]

Aug. 30. Winchester. On the report of the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Sir Thomas Strickland dated 26 Aug. (calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1308) direction that it be transmitted back to the said Lords that they may give order for passing such a grant as they shall think requisite, his Majesty being disposed to gratify the petitioner. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 13.]

Aug. 30. Winchester. Warrant to Roger L'Estrange, after reciting that question is made whether several passages in the printed trials of Ireland, the five Jesuits and Langhorne be according to the original copy especially in the matter of times, names and places, to make inquiry after the shorthand writers of them and the writers of the copies from which they were printed and who corrected them for the press and to demand the sight and their interpretation of their original notes and papers, which it is not to be doubted they have kept for their own justification, it being of dangerous consequence for people to expose the justice of the nation in such cases and afterwards to pretend to have lost their copies. He is to inform himself therein without delay and give a speedy account thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 186.]

[1684 ? Aug. ?] Memorandum that the Lord Chamberlain desires that the King may be moved for a grant to Mr. Gregory, one of his chaplains in ordinary, of the rectory of Beverston, Gloucestershire, of which Richard Hall (*ob.* 20 Aug., 1684) is the incumbent, on the next vacancy. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 35.]

[Aug. ?] The Earl of Sunderland to Lieut.-Col. Nicholas. His Majesty commands me to acquaint you that, whereas by his letter of 28 April last to the Lieutenant of the Tower, he gave him leave to be in the country till next Michaelmas and to appoint you and in your absence Major Baggott to perform his duties, his Majesty intended that as often as Mr. Cheek should come to town, during that time he should execute the office of his place, which his Majesty has signified to him by his letter of this day and which he has commanded me to let you know. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 122.]

Sept. 1. Winchester. Commission to Charles Gorsuch to be ensign of Capt. Francis Wheeler's company in the first regiment of Foot Guards com-

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manded by the Duke of Grafton. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 122.]

Sept. 1. Winchester. Warrant to the Mayor and Jurats of Hastings to send up with all convenient speed such records and to examine such persons on such interrogatories as Charles Hanses will direct. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 186.]

Sept. 2. Winchester. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Edmund Cavenagh, one of his Majesty's footmen, praying that he may be equally paid out of the Treasury of the Chamber with the rest of the footmen. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 14.]

Sept. 2. Winchester. Reference to the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant, of the petition of Richard Cahan for some employment on the settlement now to be made in Ireland, he having been a great sufferer for his loyalty and having served in the army there. [*Ibid. p.* 15.]

Sept. 2. Winchester. Warrant to Viscount Grandison, captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, for swearing Sir Herbert Whalley to be corporal thereof on the surrender of Thomas Hewett. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 122.]

Sept. 2. Winchester. Pass for John Thomas Gattinara, whom the King is sending to Piedmont to take care for bringing from thence some things he requires. [*Latin. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 187.]

Sept. 2. Winchester. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Whereas we have directed that nine companies of the two Tangier regiments should be sent into Ireland and there being at the time of your departure vacancies in the forces there for five ensigns only, whereby four of the said ensigns are unprovided for, and as Capt. Tate's company in Col. Kirke's regiment being first designed for Ireland was also lately disbanded, whereby Patrick Farrell, ensign of that company, is unprovided for, we recommend it to you to confer on him the first ensigncy vacant in the forces there, his father having been killed when serving in Tangier, and we also particularly recommend the said four ensigns, that on the first vacancies there after the said Farrell shall be made ensign you appoint them ensigns successively according to their seniority. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 329.]

Sept. 4. Winchester. Pardon to Edward Oburne of ——, Somerset, mercer, for clipping. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 187.]

Sept. 4. Winchester. Warrant for a patent for fourteen years to Joshua Haskins of London, merchant-tailor, for his invention of beautifying several sorts of cloth, serges and stuffs by impressing thereon certain

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indented lines or creases and thereby watering, damasking and flowering the same. [*Ibid. p.* 188.]

Sept. 4. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. From Portsmouth we are advised that the Duke of Grafton passed by Spithead in his yacht for Southampton, where, 'tis said, he will make no long stay but come back to Portsmouth to meet his Majesty, who was expected there the 2nd. Several races have been run at Winchester for the plate. Some of his Majesty's horses ran, but a horse of the Duke of Albemarle won it.

Yesterday at the Old Bailey the person who shot Mr. Culliford was tried and after some time pleaded guilty.

Two French men-of-war sailed from Falmouth the 26th, having several small vessels bound for France under their convoy.

A meeting of the Quakers was disturbed at Weymouth and 23 of them committed, who will be prosecuted on the Conventicle Act.

Letters from Jamaica of 1 July say that Monsr. Gramont, general of the French forces there, has under his command several privateers with French commissions of very good force, some carrying 40, some 30 and some 28 guns and manned proportionably, besides 1,800 landmen ready to embark with design to try their fortune once more on Carthagena. Under his command is Lawrance, that made the descent on Vera Cruz, who has taken a Spanish advice boat of 18 guns with letters homewards bound from the governors there to Spain giving an account of their condition, which intelligence will facilitate the French design. She was laden with cocoa and brought into Petit Guana. She had taken a small English vessel homeward bound, which Lawrance retook and dismissed and would receive no more than one hogshead of sugar, which the master forced on him.

Goodman, Master of the Horse to the Duchess of Cleveland, and some time since committed to Newgate for a robbery committed some years since, had a bill preferred against him at Hicks' Hall, which was found *Ignoramus* by the grand jury.

Last Tuesday Mr. Jenkins, a great Nonconformist minister, was taken preaching in Moorfields in the habit of a countryman, having three of his fellow preachers and about nineteen others in company. The three ministers and some of the hearers escaped, but he was brought before Sir James Edwards and committed to Newgate. The officers that took him, 'tis said, were offered 40 guineas to discharge him and not carry him before a magistrate, who refused it.

Foreign letters say that Buda holds out still. From Holland they write that the Prince of Orange is still at Veluwe. His return to the Hague is very uncertain. The Prince of Issenham by virtue of a decree obtained against his Highness has seized his revenue in Orange in the French county and has cited his Highness to defend his cause in the Parliament of Paris, but he

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refused to appear, alleging that the said Parliament had nothing to do with it. The Burgomasters of Amsterdam neglect nothing that many contribute to their safety. They make as great preparations as if they expected every moment to be attacked. The Deputies of Amsterdam design to propose in the next assembly the dismission of Count Waldeck, Maréchal du Camp of the Dutch army, by reason of his having another command in the Empire, and to give the place to Prince Nassau, Stadtholder of Friesland. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 96.]

Sept. 4. Dublin. Letters patent annexing the Wardenship of Galway to the Archbishopric of Tuam and granting after the next avoidance of that see the portion of tithe known as the *Quarta pars* to the respective incumbents and vicars, these letters being passed in pursuance of the letter of 13 Aug. calendared *ante*, *p.* 119. [2 *pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 343, *No.* 158.]

Sept. 4. Winchester. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. I am commanded by his Majesty to transmit to you the enclosed letter and to acquaint you that he, considering that the persons he therein commends to you have all served him abroad, would have them provided for on the first vacancies and that you give the requisite orders accordingly. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 34.]

Sept. 4. Winchester. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Recommending to him to confer on Maurice Roche the lieutenancy first vacant either of the horse grenadiers or dragoons in the army in Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 330.]

Sept. 5. Dublin. The Lord Lieutenant to Lord [Sunderland]. I thank you for your intimation of the alterations his Majesty has thought fit to make in the Treasury and at Council, but I presume not otherwise than by your lordship to give him my acknowledgements for ordering it to be done. I cannot doubt but that, finding the advantage his affairs have received by the steadiness of the course he has held, he will continue it by such instruments and advices as he shall think most proper for him to make use of.

The Commissioners, who have authority to pass new patents of lands, have also power to renew charters to corporations and, when heretofore power for the same thing was given to me and afterwards to Lord Essex, some rules and instructions were thought of to guide the King's counsel on drawing new charters, of which or of some of them use may be made by directions to the Commissioners, but it may possibly be fit that we should here as near as may be conform ourselves to what is done in England on the like occasion and therefore I desire you would move the King to order sending over a copy of one of the new

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charters there granted on the surrender or avoidance of the old, that we may proceed conformably to it where the cases shall not materially differ.

I acquiesce in his Majesty's resolution touching Mr. Southwell as founded in great reason. This castle, where I make a very uneasy and unpleasant shift to lodge and eat, will not be sufferable or indeed possible even until a new house shall be building and the only expedient I can find is that his Majesty will be at 1,000*l.* charge for an addition to a little lodge about two miles off, whence the Chief Governor may come to church and Council with less inconvenience than he can live anywhere in town. The draft I send to this purpose must, I suppose, go to the Treasury and I hope you will give it despatch thither and further the transmitting to me. [3 *pages. Holograph. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 343, *No.* 159.]

Sept. 6. Wimple. Sir Thomas Chicheley to Lord [Sunderland]. I received your letter of 26 Aug. not till yesterday afternoon with your intimation of his Majesty's pleasure for putting Mr. Leveson Gore out of the office of Steward of Newcastle-under-Lyme. I have to-day signed and sent warrants to the Duchy office to that purpose. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 36.]

Sept. 6. Winchester. Reference to Sir Thomas Jenner, Recorder of London, of the petition of Jonathan Tewe, condemned to die for killing William Graves, a bailiff, for a pardon. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 15.]

Sept. 6. Winchester. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the borough of Totnes surrendering their charter and praying a grant of a new one with the nomination of a Steward and a general market every Tuesday. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 6. Winchester. On the report of the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Col. Edward Sackville (calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1308) direction that it be transmitted back to the said Lords to give order for passing such a grant to the petitioner as they shall think requisite, his Majesty being disposed to gratify the petitioner. [*Ibid. p.* 16.]

Sept. 6. Winchester. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. The bearer, Henry Dalton, being a native of Ireland and discharged from his regiment after many years' service by reason of his age, his Majesty thinks fit that you order him to be placed in some garrison in Ireland with the pay of a private soldier, where he may do such duty as he shall be capable of. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 35.]

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Sept. 8. Winchester. Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of Charles Abington, William Smith and Richard Sandys representing that, being bail for Capt. George Gollop, commander of the *Thomas and Francis*, arrested at his Majesty's suit in an action of 20,000*l.* in the Admiralty Court on pretence that the negroes and dust gold lying on board the gundeck in the *Susanna*, a Dutch prize, belonged to his Majesty, on an appeal from the sentence of Sir L. Jenkins it was adjudicated by the Commissioners of Appeals that the negroes and dust gold, being both found on or above the gundeck, should be divided among the captain and mariners and ordered the petitioners to bring 2,000*l.* into the registry of the court or in default to be attached; that the petitioners conceiving themselves aggrieved by the latter part of the sentence as having been bail only obtained from the Court of King's Bench a writ of prohibition to the Admiralty Court; and that the mariners or rather their bail obtained a commission of review, whereon without notice to the petitioners the Commissioners reversed the decree of the Commissioners of Appeal and confirmed that of Sir L. Jenkins decreeing the gold to his Majesty and the negroes to the captain and mariners (though both were equally found above the gundeck), whereby the writ of prohibition is become of no effect to them, and therefore praying a commission of re-review. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 17.]

Sept. 8. Winchester. On the report dated 26 Aug. of the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of William Legge for a grant of the forfeited personal estate of Sir Thomas Armstrong (calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1308) direction that it be transmitted to the said Lords to give order for passing the requisite grant to the petitioner. [1½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 18.]

Sept. 8. Winchester. Warrant to John Nalson, LL.D., and —— Fincham, Justices for the Isle of Ely, for sending for and examining —— living at present at Littleport or elsewhere in the Isle of Ely, who, his Majesty is informed by Roger L'Estrange, is able to discover matters of great importance upon certain matters whereof the said Roger L'Estrange shall give them particular information, and for sending the said examination to the said Roger L'Estrange. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 188.]

Sept. 8. Winchester. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Totnes, Devon, on their surrender of their charters, with a regrant of the lands, powers and privileges enjoyed by them or their predecessors, and for constituting the persons named in the annexed schedule the first and present members of the corporation. [*Ibid. p.* 197]. *Annexed,*

The said schedule. [*Ibid. p.* 198.]

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Sept. 8. Winchester. *Congé d'élire* to John, Bishop of Edinburgh, vicar of the archbishopric of St. Andrews, and the other suffragan bishops and ministers appointed by Act of Parliament a chapter for electing the Archbishop of St. Andrews. [*Latin. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 536.]

Sept. 8. Winchester. Letter missive to the same, recommending Arthur, Archbishop of Glasgow, to be elected to the archbishopric of St. Andrews, void by the death of the last Archbishop. [*Ibid. p.* 537.]

Sept. 8. Winchester. *Congé d'élire* to the Bishop of Galloway and the other suffragan bishops and others appointed by Act of Parliament a chapter for electing the Archbishop of Glasgow. [*Latin. Ibid. p.* 538.]

Sept. 8. Winchester. Letter missive to the same, recommending Alexander, Bishop of Brechin, to be elected to the archbishopric of Glasgow, void by the translation of the last Archbishop. [*Ibid. p.* 539.]

Sept. 8. Winchester. *Congé d'élire* to the Dean and Chapter of Brechin. [*Latin. Ibid. p.* 540.]

Sept. 8. Winchester. Letter missive to the same, recommending Dr. Drummond to be elected to the said bishopric. [*Ibid. p.* 541.]

Sept. 8. Winchester. Warrant for a commission to the persons therein named to be commissioners for visiting the universities and colleges of Scotland. [4½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 541.]

Sept. 9. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Letters from the Imperial camp before Buda of the 23rd say that the besieged continue obstinate in their defence notwithstanding their miseries, for by the deserters they hear that the garrison is reduced from 8,000 to 3,000 men. The Germans have suffered very much, for of all the captains that were so the beginning of summer scarce ten are left. The Bavarian forces are not come into the camp and the Duke of Lorraine resolves to have a push for it as soon as he has sprung his mines, five of which will be ready on the 25th, and, if they take effect, they will render the Duke master of the place, for they will make a breach wide enough for a battalion to enter abreast. The Duke resolved to storm before the Bavarian troops come, that they may not have the honour of reducing the place. They hear nothing of the Turks' army, for their foragers, who go beyond the bounds limited, return without the least alarm or sign of an enemy.

Last Saturday evening the Lord Chief Justice attended by Mr. Guy, Alderman Duncombe and several others came to Winton, after which, 'tis said, he and Mr. Cradock had above an hour's private discourse with his Majesty. The same evening

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the Attorney General came thither, so 'twas thought there would be a Council on Sunday afternoon, though the Lord President was not come thither. At the coming away of the post they add that his Majesty, his Royal Highness, Prince George and the Duke of Grafton were to go for Portsmouth the 8th and thence to the Isle of Wight, all intending to return on Thursday but the Duke of Grafton, who goes thence for Holland, where he intends to stay about a month, so that what was writ by some last week, that his Majesty had been already at Portsmouth, is altogether false.

The three men-of-war that I writ in my last were come into Portsmouth harbour are unrigged in order to be paid off.

Letters from Count Leslie of the 20th past advise that the Seraskier Bassaw was come with a considerable force to attack him, drew half a league out of his camp, posted himself very advantageously between two marshes and fortified himself there, expecting the enemy, who the 19th came in sight of them and that day passed in small skirmishes. On the 20th in the morning arrived in the camp 1,800 Croats of the arrear band of the nobility and desired the post of honour before the two marshes. Immediately after the Turks vigorously attacked, but were so warmly received by the Croats that they were forced to retire in great confusion, but being reinforced they returned and after a very sharp dispute forced the Croats to retire and leave three standards in their hands, which so encouraged them that they attacked the main body, but after a sharp dispute of three hours they were forced to retire with the loss of 500 men. The Imperialists in the whole action lost 200 men and one lieut.-colonel of the regiment of Souches. These letters add that Count Leslie continues to fortify himself, expecting the return of the Seraskier, who has sent to the Governor of Alba Regalis, Szigeth and Carinthia to hasten with their forces to attack him on both sides the river.

The Duke has been ill of a fever. When the Bavarian troops arrive, they will secure the Danube, from whence they of Buda have all their water, so that, should not the mines take effect, they must surrender. The Duke of Bavaria marched from Vienna the 3rd with 10,000 men.

The King is expected here the 26th. [3½ *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 97.]

Sept. 10. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Letters from Dublin of the 30th say that Gilbert Hutchinson, who was tried on the statute of *Scandalum magnatum* and committed to prison, escaped and was taken about Carrickfergus. He resisted being taken, whereby he received several wounds, which may hinder him from coming to Dublin, where he is expected in a few days. The walls of the Castle are pulling down in order to repair and make the Castle more beautiful and larger. All things are very

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quiet there, every body being well pleased with the arrival of the Duke of Ormonde.

By the arrival of a vessel at Falmouth we receive advice that at Nantes fell a very violent shower of hail as big as walnuts, which spoiled a great many of their grapes, yet 'tis generally believed there will be a very good vintage.

Yesterday the beadles of Spitalfields, Bednall Green, etc., stood on the pillory for refusing to take the *ex officio* oath, as did also the person who shot Mr. Culliford.

To-day his Majesty returned from Portsmouth to Winton.

Holland letters say that the French Ambassador, visiting the Court at Amsterdam, was let in by the door which is not opened but when the Prince and Princess of Orange come, for which the officer that let him in is committed to prison and the sentinel that suffered the door to be opened.

Our last Spanish letters brought the ratification of the truce signed by the King of Spain.

Sunday afternoon the *Phœnix* arrived at Portsmouth, to which place is also come the money for paying off the ships.

Several ships are arrived at Plymouth, some from Barbados, one of which has on board Lady Sharp with all her family. The 7th they all sailed for London.

Several ships for Virginia and other places are arrived in the Downs, one of which takes in soldiers at Portsmouth for Ireland.

Our foreign posts are wanting, so that little news can come from abroad more than the last post brought you. This day the person who shot Mr. Culliford stood in the pillory before the Custom house in Thames Street, having a good guard over him, but, instead of receiving a reward suitable to his crime, the porters, carmen and others of that sort from the quays thereabouts came and gave him a great deal of money, some cramming it into his shoes and any where they could put it. Some were taken and carried before Sir John Buckworth, who 'tis said made *Mittimuses* for them, but the rabble grew so numerous at last, that the Sheriffs were forced to send for more help for fear of a rescue. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 98.]

[1684.] Sept. 12. The Bishop of Oxford to Sir L. Jenkins. Yesterday Mr. More, Mr. Ward, and the Town Clerk met the Provost of Queen's, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and Dr. Wallis and, the draft of the whole confirming part of the city charter being made to agree with that of King James, it was collated by them and the Provost attested the agreement and sealed up the charter to be sent to you. I enclose your animadversions. Some alterations are made in the part relating to government, as that the Recorder and Town Clerk and the sergeants be removeable by his Majesty. But one very considerable difficulty remains. Whereas care is taken concerning the Mayor and other officers, the Common Council remain unremoveable. It consists itself of 24, a manageable

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number, but they have a way of admitting to a Bailiff's or Chamberlain's place (which is also justified by the charter) and so the Common Council consists of about six or seven score. As the charter now is, Alderman Wright and Paulin may be received by this trick and be irremoveable. This inconvenience Mr. Ward seems sensible of, however I thought it not amiss to mention it. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 37.]

Sept. 13. Winchester. The Earl of Sunderland to the Attorney General. His Majesty would have you forthwith issue out *Quo warrantos* against the charters and privileges claimed by the magistrates of Lichfield and Berwick by reason of several misdemeanours committed by them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 129.]

Sept. 13. Winchester. Warrant for a grant to Charles, Marquess of Winchester, and his heirs of a cattle market to be held every Tuesday fortnight at Layborne, Yorkshire, it having been found by inquisition it will be no damage to the Crown or others. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 54.]

Sept. 13. Winchester. Pass to Nicholas Bagenall of Placenewydd, Anglesey, who has desired a licence to remain six months in France for his health and private affairs, to go thither with four servants and to return. [*Ibid. p.* 55.]

Sept. 13. Winchester. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and corporation of Exeter surrendering their charters and praying a grant of new letters patent with the following additions. 1. That the deputy Recorder be invested with the same power as the Recorder in the latter's absence. 2. That the Chamber may have the nomination, placing and displacing of all pilots belonging to the port of Exeter. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 19.]

Sept. 13. Winchester. Commission to David Lloyd to be adjutant of the Earl of Oxford's regiment of horse. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 123.]

Sept. 13. Winchester. Warrant to Lord Dartmouth, Master General of the Ordnance, after reciting that Capt. Charles Collier's, Capt. Jeffreys', Capt. Purcell's, Capt. Radney's and Capt. Cullyford's companies, late of Col. Charles Trelawny's regiment now at Portsmouth, have been ordered to march for Ireland and that they are in want of arms ; for causing to be delivered out of the stores at Portsmouth the following arms for each company, viz., for 2 sergeants 2 halberts, for 3 corporals 3 snaphance muskets and 3 collars of bandoliers and one drum and for the soldiers 20 long pikes, 12 snaphance muskets, 28 matchlock muskets and 40 collars of bandoliers, and further for receiving from each of the said com-

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panies the arms they now have, ordering them to be forthwith repaired and laid up in the stores. [*Ibid. p.* 124.]

Sept. 13. Winchester. Warrant for a grant to Sir Thomas Jenner, serjeant at law, and his heirs of a market every Wednesday and of a cattle fair on 10 July annually at some convenient place within a quarter of a mile from Ingatestone in the parishes of Friarning (Friering) and Ingatestone, Essex, according to an inquisition lately taken. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 189.]

Sept. 13. Winchester. Pass for the Sieur Jean Cavalier, the King's Medallist, to go beyond the seas and to return. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 13. Winchester. Warrant for a charter reincorporating the town of Colchester on their surrender of their charters, with a regrant of the powers, privileges and lands formerly enjoyed by their predecessors, with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads in which also are set down the names of the first and present members and officers. [*Ibid. p.* 190.] *Annexed, The said paper.* [2 *pages. Ibid.*]

Sept. 13. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Letters from Ireland say that the 25th Macnamara, one of the so-much talked of Irish evidences, was executed at Waterford for felony. Before his death he confessed his crimes and averred that what he had sworn against Stephen College, etc., was true, but what he had said of Lord Tyrone, who lay three years close prisoner in the Gatehouse, was not true. The substance of this and several other things confessed by him he gave in a paper to the Sheriff signed by himself.

The Duke of Grafton makes a trip over to Holland, where he will find the Duke of Northumberland. 'Tis said they will both go to Diren and then return hither together.

Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys is returned here and 'tis said the City will have a new charter, such as has been approved of by him.

Last Tuesday afternoon his Majesty, accompanied by the Duke of York, the Dukes of Grafton, Beaufort, St. Albans, Richmond, Buckingham and Albemarle and several other persons of quality in their yachts came to Portsmouth and by land came the Duchess of Portsmouth and several others from Winton. His Majesty and his Royal Highness were received with all the expressions of joy imaginable, the Mayor and his brethren waiting on them and at their landing the guns firing and bells ringing all the time.

Flanders letters of the 19th advise that a party of French horse from the camp at Ninove were come under the very walls of Brussels for forage, on which the Marquis de Grana sent the Governor of that place to expostulate with the officer, who showed him his orders to thrash out all the corn and carry away all the

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forage they could find, whereon the States of that province, being then assembled, immediately agreed to pay the contributions demanded and ordered four of their number to go to the French camp and remain in hostage for 1,200,000 florins with promise that, in case the contributions should amount to more, when lapidated (? liquidated) the States would be responsible for it, in case the French troops would forthwith retire, but the deputies returned with a flat denial, that they will not take any security but burghers living in Lesley (? Lille), Tournay or Paris and that till then their troops will continue in the Spanish territories and they are accordingly removing their camp nearer Brussels, which has put all into a great consternation.

The States of Flanders have also accorded their contribution and those of Hainault, Namur, Limburg and Gueldres are taking the same measures, in hopes, if possible, to save the country from utter ruin. No letters were arrived at Vienna, being prevented by the great rains. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 99.]

Sept. 13. Winchester. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant. Whereas the church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Kilmallock, was in the time of Henry VIII made a collegiate church, consisting of five vicars and the adjoining rectories and vicarages, viz., the vicarage of the said church, the rectories of the partides of Downe Iris and Downe Gadmond, the rectory and vicarage of Ballingaddy, the rectory of Athenessy, the rectory of the partides of Chapel Mortell and Suecahail and the rectory of Kilbredy Major by the means of the Bishops and Deans of Limerick with the advice and consent of the Dean and Chapter of Limerick were thereunto united and annexed for the more decent performance of the service in the said church of St. Peter and St. Paul and the better accommodation of the town of Kilmallock, then a very populous and flourishing town and a great seat of trade, and whereas the said town is now miserably ruined and desolate and almost void of inhabitants, so that the need of so many vicars in the said church and town wholly fails and the cure of the said town and the said adjoining livings may be sufficiently discharged by one resident clergyman, and whereas since the late rebellion the members of the said collegiate church have ceased to live collegiately together and are long since dispersed and dead, whereby the corporation in the said collegiate church is dissolved, and whereas one end of erecting the said collegiate church was that thereby as a nursery the cathedral of Limerick might be supplied with fit persons to serve in the choir and the revenue formerly belonging to the said choir through the general calamity of the late times by the loss of charters and evidences is now become wholly lost or very inconsiderable, and whereas the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter of Limerick have by their petition desired us to consider the sad condition of the said cathedral through the want of a

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full choir, which for about 400 years before the late war it enjoyed, and that it may now be in our power to provide for a choir by annexing the vicarage of Kilmallock and the other rectories and vicarages above named to the college of the said cathedral to the end that the benefit and profits thereof may be applied by the said Dean and Chapter to the maintenance of singing and chanting persons in the said cathedral, and, considering that ever since the restoration the said livings have been given by us to one single person without any reference to the constitution of the old body corporate in the said collegiate church and that the same are now all held together by a presentation from us by Hugh Anderton and that the first reason of the said old foundation as it related to the populous condition of Kilmallock is now ceased and that the granting of the said livings to the uses contained in the said petition is so far from varying from the end of the foundation of the said collegiate church that it is to prosecute the main ends therein proposed, viz., the more solemn and decent performance of God's worship by chanting and singing in the choir of Limerick; we hereby authorize and require you to cause letters patent to be forthwith passed containing a grant to the said Dean and Chapter of all the said rectories and vicarages as also of the rights of presentation to the same for the constant support and maintenance of a sufficient choir in the said cathedral and by a clause in the same letters patent to unite and annex all the said rectories and vicarages and the rights of presentation to the same to the college of the said cathedral, so that on the next vacancy of the said rectories and vicarages it may be lawful for the said Dean and Chapter to take possession thereof and to receive the revenues thereof for the maintenance and support of the choristers and singing men in the said cathedral, and a clause is also to be inserted in the said grant obliging the said Dean and Chapter to provide for ever for serving the cure of the said town of Kilmallock and of the said other rectories and vicarages a fit person to be constantly resident there and to allow him out of the rents and profits of the said rectories and vicarages the yearly stipend of 60*l.* [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 330.]

Sept. 15. Winchester. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Warrant for adding the shire of Stirling to the division of Clydesdale and for empowering the Duke of Hamilton, the Treasurer Deput and the Justice Clerk to proceed in that shire in the same way as against the rest of the shires in their division, as if the said shire had been expressed in the first commission to them, there being many disaffected and irregular persons there. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 546.]

Sept. 15. Winchester. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Secret Committee of the Privy Council. Having

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lately by an express received a particular account of the discoveries made by them from Spence, now a prisoner, a servant to the late Earl of Argyle, and also by a flying packet two nights ago the depositions of Carstaires, a Fanatic preacher, now likewise a prisoner, relating to the designs particularly of the said late Earl of raising a rebellion besides the contrivances for murdering the King and his brother, thanking them for the great and seasonable discoveries that have flowed from their extraordinary prudence, care and zeal. [*Ibid. p.* 547.]

Sept. 15. Winchester. Warrant for a commission to John Drummond of Lundin to be conjunct Secretary of State for Scotland with the Earl of Moray, in place of the Earl of Middleton, appointed Secretary of State for England, with half of all fees, etc., formerly belonging to the place of sole Secretary of State for Scotland, except only the yearly pension of 1,000*l.* sterling to the Earl of Moray, which is wholly reserved to him. [2½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 548.]

Sept. 15. Winchester. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and John Drummond of Lundin, Treasurer Deput. Warrant for payment of 100*l.* sterling to —— Gray of Creighie. [*Ibid. p.* 551.]

Sept. 15. Winchester. Warrants for protections in the ordinary form to Sir James Murray, captain in the Earl of Dumbarton's regiment, and to John Wallace of Aslos for two years respectively. [*Docquets. Ibid. p.* 552.]

Sept. 15. Winchester. The Earl of Moray to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that Robert Dickson, having long and well served as a soldier in the Scots regiment in England and being now unable to discharge his duty in field service, be put into the first private soldier's place vacant in Edinburgh, Stirling or Dunbarton Castles and be maintained with the pay of a private soldier, doing such duty as he is able, his Majesty nevertheless not intending to burden his establishments in Scotland hereafter with the maintenance of any soldiers disabled either by age or wounds in service anywhere out of Scotland. [*Ibid. p.* 553.]

Sept. 16. Minutes of the proceedings of the Privy Council. Present, the Lord Keeper, the Lord Privy Seal, the Earl of Middleton and the Lord Chief Justice. Col. Danvers to be sent for in custody.—Mr. Shepard to be asked concerning his speaking to Col. Sydney in Col. Danvers' presence.—Holmes to be sent for for answering such questions as shall be asked him.—Carstares to be asked from what persons or what council of men he received his directions from time to time and what he knows about sending people into the several countries. To declare what persons he knew

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in this conspiracy. What he knows concerning Mead and Nisbet. Whether he spoke to Lord Russell at any other time and place than is mentioned in his deposition and how often and about what. Whether he ever spoke to any other Englishmen than those mentioned in his depositions. That he give an account of the previous confidence between him and Steward before the time of receiving the letter from him. To answer what he knows of the intended rising in London and whether any Scotch pedlars or other Scotchmen were to be made [use] of in it, and what contributions he knew of for maintaining any Scotchmen. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 38.]

Sept. 16. Winchester. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Walter Leightonhouse, of Waddington, Lincolnshire, for a presentation *ad corroborandum titulum* to the rectory of Waddington. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 20.]

Sept. 16. Winchester. Reference to the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant, of the petition of Edward Fanning representing that he has lost or mislaid the original certificate of the Commissioners of Claims, for want whereof he is disabled to pass a patent pursuant to the Acts of Settlement and Explanation on an authentic copy of the records thereof without his Majesty's letters to the Lord Lieutenant, and praying, in regard such patents are excepted out of the Commission of Grace concerning defective titles, an order to the Lord Lieutenant to pass letters patent to him of the lands decreed to him in Clare pursuant to the record of the said certificate. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 16. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. From Vienna of the 10th they write that Count Lambert was arrived there from the camp before Buda to render an account of that siege and to press for cannon, ammunition and other necessaries. The Duke of Bavaria was arrived in the camp and had undertaken to make good the passage to the river lately lost by the Imperialists, which, 'tis said, will reduce the besieged to extremity, who defend themselves with great courage, few days passing without several sharp sallies. The besiegers daily spring mines and make breaches, which are supplied by the retrenchments the besieged make within. The Imperial army is so harassed with the fatigue of the siege and sickness that, had not the Bavarian forces arrived, 'twas questioned whether the Duke of Lorraine could have maintained the siege. While both parties thus labour, the Seraskier Bassaw marches with above 30,000 men to raise the siege, cost what it will, having such orders, but the Duke of Lorraine is so well recovered of his fever that, if the Seraskier Bassaw comes, he is resolved to fight him and will save men enough to continue the siege, on the success of which depends the fate of Buda and the happy end of this campaign.

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Letters from Winton say that last Sunday the charter of Exeter was surrendered and writs of *Quo warranto* ordered to be issued against the charters of Lichfield and Berwick. Next Thursday sennight his Majesty has declared he will come for Whitehall. Their Royal Highnesses were to go on the 15th for Salisbury, accompanied by the Prince and Princess. On the way they saw Stoneidge (Stonehenge). They supped that night and lay at the Bishop of Salisbury's, dine to-day at Wilton at Lord Pembroke's and lie to-night at the Bishop's again. To-morrow they go back to Southampton to the yachts and so to Portsmouth, where they will spend Thursday and in the evening return to Southampton and so to Winton on Friday.

Letters from Dover of the 15th say that about 12 at night on Saturday the Duke of Grafton came into that port and went directly up to the Castle, where he was treated by the Governor, Col. Stroud. He stayed there all Sunday, when about 6 in the evening came in the son of Lord Halifax, who came from Calais with his lady, whom he has lately married in France, she being a great fortune. When they came into that harbour, the Duke came down from the Castle to the waterside to meet them, they firing from the Castle thirteen guns and from the two forts fourteen, for which his Grace returned them from his yacht eight or nine, and after some compliments they all went up in a coach to the Castle, where the Governor gave them five guns at their entrance. His Grace went away about 12 last night for Holland. The son of Lord Halifax with his lady, etc., parted thence about 3 that afternoon and are gone by coach for London. The Governor at their parting gave them seven guns.

The first of next month his Majesty has appointed to take a general review of all his forces, both horse and foot, at Blackheath. Afterwards he goes for Newmarket. The Sheriffs are pricked for this city, but their names are not yet known, and Sir James Smith designed for Lord Mayor. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 100.]

Sept. 17. Minutes of proceedings of the Privy Council. Present the same as the day before. Shepard says he never had any conversation with Carstares touching the conspiracy. Never discoursed with Col. Sydney touching the Earl of Argyle. Mr. Baillie showed him Steward's letter and not Carstares'. Never communicated this letter to Col. Sydney. Never spoke with Carstares about the money or horse and dragoons but had spoken with Baillie about the money. Carstares to be asked what letters and how he had from Shepard and whether he can produce any or all of them. Whether Shepard ever writ to him or he to Shepard. Whether he knows Shepard's hand. Carstares' confession was read before Shepard, who denied every thing. Offered that Carstares' confession be not published till

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the lords see the King and that the King would consider whether it may be fit to pardon Carstares.

Atterbury gives an account that he could not find Danvers, that Holmes is gone for Scotland. Atterbury not to search for Danvers till further order.

Questions directed to the Lord Register at Edinburgh. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 38.]

Sept. 17. Another copy of the above, adding that Shepard does not know that Carstaires ever met Lord Russell at his house, and that his Majesty would consider whether it be fit to pardon Carstaires on this confession or at least so soon.

Memorandum that Carstaires says he heard from Shepard of the design of killing the King. Communicated Steward's letter about the money to Shepard. Shepard told him he had showed the letter to Col. Sydney, Col. Danvers being present. That he met Lord Russell at Shepard's house. [*Ibid. No.* 39.]

Sept. 17. Another copy of Shepard's examination. [*Ibid. No.* 40.]

Sept. 17. A copy of news that came with the enclosed proclamation from Edinburgh. Saturday last Lord Tarras, who was apprehended by Meldrum, the other three, Polwarth, Pringle of Torrittley and Hume of Bassenden, who were also in his commission, to be apprehended, having absented themselves, he is in Edinburgh Castle and has not yet made compearance before the Council. A judicious gentleman told me in Edinburgh that in all probability he will lose his head and some others of the chief plotters with Argyle and that within a short time. Philiphaugh and Galashiels taken by the King's guards were in close prison in the Tollbooth, so that no access was granted to their friends, relations nor ladies. Philiphaugh in a discourse before the Council proclaimed the loyalty of his family and his own loyal principles and practises, quoting his ancestors' with the loyalty of any of the Council, but afterwards tripped in one word, for which and denying to inform what he knew of the plot he was threatened with torture and the boots laid before him, which much damped him; and afterward a private communing with the Treasurer, granted at his desire, his prison door was made porter to his lady and friends, but so as whosoever enters are searched for papers and letters. Galashiels, of whom I heard less, is in the same condition. Friday morning last I saw Campbell of Ardkinglas, a cousin of Argyle, Earlstoun, Commissary Monro, Parke Hay and Newton, a gentleman in the West, conveyed by a party of horse and dragoons from the Edinburgh Tollbooth to Blackness Castle that room may be made for others to come to the Tollbooth, where there is great throng and the rooms unwholesome by the throng. Friday afternoon Cessnock Campbell elder and younger were sent to the Bass. Spence

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and Carstaires have by their torture made large confessions, and Commissary Monro, Campbell of Ardkinglas and others without torture, but the confessions are kept so very close that most of the Council know them not. Only five are privy to them, whereof two officiate as clerks, the ordinary clerks being removed and all five sworn deeply to secrecy. The Earl of Haddington is said to have been sent Saturday last to Edinburgh Castle. Several parties of the King's forces are sent to the North to bring over sundry gentlemen, the Laird of Grant, Innes, tutor of McClean, two brothers, etc. Tuesday last all the town ports of Edinburgh were kept close ten hours. In the meantime the Bishop of Edinburgh with all the ministers there and elders of the church sessions were convened by the Council to delate disorderly persons in their several parishes and bounds that kept not church at all and the ministers got it waived, but the elders were deeply sworn to be faithful in the delation and were sent with soldiers to apprehend several inhabitants. Some escaped, some twelve or fourteen were taken and sent to prison. The three companies of grenadiers were brought up in the meantime to command the High Street and some of Douglas', formerly Linlithgow's, company guarded the walls of the town that none should escape. On Wednesday came forth the two printed proclamations I sent you. Our circuit courts are to begin at Dunse to-morrow. Hume, the Sheriff, with the gentlemen there are to meet the lords of the circuit at Smiddy Hill in Lammermuir as is reported. The lords are to go from Dunse to Jedburgh. One of their instructions is to examine of their defect or injurious excess in their administrations, etc. They are not to do any thing as to the fines imposed on our gentlemen for their ladies' absence from their churches. That is referred to the Council only, who are very strict therein. [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 41.]

Sept. 17. Winchester. The Earl of Sunderland to Samuel Pepys. The Duke of York being absent and the French Ambassador pressing very earnestly for a yacht to transport the Sieur Vachette and the envoyés from the King of Siam to Calais, I desire you will forthwith order that a yacht be in readiness for that purpose, which I doubt not his Royal Highness will approve of at his return. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 129.]

Sept. 17. Winchester. Reference of the petition of Capt. William Tuite—for an order that a grant of his Majesty's title and interest in the estate decreed to Sir James Tuite, directed by his Majesty's letters to the Lord Lieutenant to be passed and stopped by the Commissioners of Inspection, may be passed pursuant to his Majesty's said letters and that in the meantime the said estate may not be granted to any other—to the Lord Lieutenant to report why the grant should not pass and in the meantime to give directions to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland that no patent pass of the estate

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or any part thereof mentioned in this petition till his Majesty's pleasure be further known and that, if any such patent be already passed contrary to his Majesty's intentions, the petitioner may have such relief as the law allows. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 21.]

Sept. 17. Winchester. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Capt. James Kendall for a grant of the estate of Thomas Tottle forfeited by his being *felo de se*, the said Tottle being nearly related to him. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 17. Winchester. Warrant to the Earl of Shaftesbury to preserve the game within twelve miles of St. Giles, Dorset. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 192.]

Sept. 18. Winchester. Reference to the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant, of the petition of Marmaduke Darcy (calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Papers, Vol. VII, p.* 1386). [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 22.]

Sept. 18. Winchester. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir John Matthews for a grant of his Majesty's right and title to the lordship of Askam Brian *alias* Brian Askam in the county of the city of York, the same being settled by Gregory Stapylton on Thomas Gascoigne, John Middleton and Philip Constable in trust for superstitious uses and thereby forfeited to his Majesty. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 18. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. Having to-day referred to you a petition of Mr. Darcy and being assured that his Majesty would be well pleased to have the petitioner receive at length the full benefit of his frequent promises to him in the matter for which he petitions, I recommend it to you to show him all the favour you can in your report for his effectual gratification. Lord Rochester will likewise write to you on the same subject. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 35.]

Sept. 19. Winchester. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor of Chichester. The King, understanding that Monday next is the usual day appointed for electing the Mayor and other officers of your corporation for the ensuing year, would not have you proceed to any election but that it be deferred till you receive his further pleasure and that in the meantime the present officers continue in their charges. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 130.]

Sept. 19. Winchester. The Earl of Sunderland to the Bishop of Chichester. As soon as I received your letter about deferring the election of officers at Chichester, I acquainted his Majesty with it, who commanded

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me to write to the Mayor to forbear proceeding to any election. I transmit you the letter. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 19. Winchester. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. "I had yours of the 18 (N.S.) just as I was a-going a little voyage with the Duchess and the Prince and Princess of Denmark, so that I had not time then to write to you. I see by it you intend to stay very long in the country. I see by it also you have had store of rain where you are. We have had our share, but not so as to hinder any one day my hunting, but in this little journey I have made the weather has been very favourable, it having been always fine. I came back hither late last night and have not time to say more now. . . ." [1¼ *pages. Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 111.]

Sept. 20. Badminton. The Duke of Beaufort to Lord [Sunderland]. I am afraid you will repent of the encouragement you have given me, when it begets you such perpetual persecution, for I am now to importune you again about the business of Malmesbury, of which I formerly informed you and which I came very unwillingly into, it being out of my province though in my near neighbourhood. Since my return, though the persons concerned were some days at Winchester before my coming away, Tom Howard brought that charter to the King and with it, as I am informed by loyal men here, those that were very obnoxious, who by his introduction kissed the King's hand and had a favourable reception, by which means they are returned with flying colours and the loyal persons who have forced them to this dare hardly show their heads and are so dashed on their brags of the King's favours to them that they talk of leaving the place, expecting that the old offenders will be continued in power and will revenge themselves on these gentlemen for having given materials to justify the *Quo warranto*. To prevent that, if you would signify to Mr. Attorney, who, as they are informed, has orders for a new charter, that he should not proceed in it till after next term (in which the town can have no prejudice so long as the surrender is not enrolled) and then let me be one it is referred to as to the names and modelling of the charter (a thing which but for the King's service I should be very unwilling to undertake and can have no advantage by), I could quiet the loyal party and would take care of the King's interest. This may properly be done, I being of the Council, for the charter of Gloucester was referred to the last Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Keeper Bridgeman, Sir T. Clifford (not yet Lord Treasurer) and one or two more of the Council, who had no relation to the place, and Hereford to Secretary Jenkins and me. Bristol was too and the present Lord Keeper, etc. This town, though not so considerable in wealth and bigness as those, is more so on account of its sending two members to Parliament, who were elected, till the late Houses of Commons countenanced

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popular elections, singly by the Common Council, which consists but of eleven and the chief officer, who has the title of Alderman. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 42.]

Sept. 20. Winchester. Warrant for a presentation *ad corroborandum titulum* of Walter Leightonhouse to the rectory of Waddington, Lincolnshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 90.]

Sept. 20. Winchester. Warrant for a new charter to the Company of Apothecaries of London on their surrender of their old charter, with the provisoes, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads and constituting the persons therein mentioned the first and present members of the Company. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 192.] *Annexed,*

The said paper. [*Ibid. p.* 193.]

Sept. 20. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Letters from Portsmouth of the 18th say that the 16th were shipped on board the *Bonadventure* merchantman five companies and on Wednesday they sailed for the westward. The same day about 7 in the evening anchored at Spithead his Royal Highness, the Prince and Princess of Denmark in their yachts. 'Twas remarkable that his Royal Highness carried the flag as Admiral of England, which he had not done since he laid down his commission of Lord High Admiral.

A young man found guilty of sodomy was hanged at the yard-arm of the *Young Spragg* last Wednesday at Portsmouth.

We are advised from Plymouth that the 15th came into that port two French merchantmen from Newfoundland and next day came in Joseph Owen from Hull having several Quakers on board bound for Pennsylvania and the *Loyal Subject* for Ireland with soldiers from the citadel of Plymouth.

Scotch letters of the 13th advise that the confessions of Mr. Carstairs, the Presbyterian minister, and Commissioner Murray are very considerable. James Murray of Philipsburgh [Philiphaugh] was brought in prisoner to Edinburgh and examined by a Committee of Council for three hours and afterwards committed a close prisoner. The Earl of Tarras was also brought in prisoner and after a long examination committed to the Castle. A party of horse were sent to sieze Mr. Scott of Torwoodlee, Mr. Home of Polwarth and the Under-Sheriff of Lanrick, but they could not be met with. Sir Hugh Campbells, senior and junior, were separately examined and afterwards separately remanded to close prison.

Letters from Vienna of the 14th say that General Dunwaldt is dead in the camp before Buda, and that the Duke of Bavaria advances apace with his attack against the water-gate. The besieged want provisions. The Seraskier Bassaw, having learned by his spies that Col. Hustler had defeated the convoy of 1,500

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waggons which he had sent for to Alba Regalis for the subsistence of his army, was retired to the bridge of Esseck and had commanded the several bassaws with their troops to retire to their respective garrisons, which if true no doubt Buda will soon be in the hands of the Imperialists.

Holland letters say that 18 of their 36 ships ordered to be built are finished and commissioners appointed by the States to affix a fund for completing the number of 36.

The King of Poland has blocked up Caminiec with 20,000 men and is marched with the rest of his army into Wallachia. The Cossacks have burnt and plundered the suburbs of Caminiec, for which that King has ordered every soldier a ducat. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 101.]

Sept. 22. Winchester. The Earl of Sunderland to Lord Fauconberg. I have a letter from you desiring some persons may be added to your lieutenancy but, their names being omitted, if you will let me know who they are, I will receive his Majesty's directions thereon. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 132.]

Sept. 22. Winchester. Royal approbation of Henry Lee to be a Deputy Lieutenant of Kent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 124.]

Sept. 22. Winchester. The King to the Provost and Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin. Warrant, after reciting that, if any Fellow take an ecclesiastical benefice which has not certain qualifications mentioned in the College statutes, he is obliged to resign his fellowship and in the said statutes a power is reserved to the Crown of dispensing with any part of them, and that John Podmore, M.A., had in February, 1682[-3], the King's presentation to the rectory of Trim, for the recovery whereof he has maintained a long and chargeable suit in the King's name, but is lately come to an agreement with the Bishop of Meath, whereby he is to quit his title to the said rectory and accept a small living in the Bishop's gift, till the Bishop shall have an opportunity to reprize him for the said rectory, and that the living so to be accepted by him is not consistent with his fellowship according to the College statutes; for immediately, on the vacancy to his senior fellowship by resignation in order to his acceptance of the said living, re-admitting him to the same fellowship to hold the same with all the privileges and profits of a senior fellowship, till he be reprized and provided for pursuant to the said agreement, with a proviso that before his re-admission he is to take the oath required by the statutes except the clause against accepting any benefice above a certain value or above a certain distance from Dublin. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 335.]

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Sept. 22. Winchester. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant after reciting that Elizabeth, the widow of Arthur Turnor, had by her petition represented that he, having been a Justice of the Common Pleas in Ireland for about $2\frac{3}{4}$ years, died the 6th instant, after having been at great expense in providing a residence for himself and his family in Dublin and also robes and necessaries for going circuit, so that his entertainment in the said office did not reimburse his expense and has not left sufficient to pay some debts he was obliged to incur for the support of his dignity, and that, if he had lived to 29 Sept., half a year's salary would have been due to him, which would nearly clear the said debts, and that he sat both the terms in the said half year and went part of the last circuit, in which he sickened and died, and nothing remained for him to do as judge before the salary would have become due, and therefore prayed an order that she might have the said half year's salary to discharge part of the said debts; for giving all necessary orders for issuing a debenture to her for the said half year's entertainment according to the establishment, which would have become due the 29th instant, and for payment thereof accordingly. [*Ibid. p.* 336.]

Sept. 23. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, for taking into custody and bringing before the Earl of Sunderland or a Justice Thomas English to answer to what shall be objected against him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 194.]

Sept. 24. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor of Wycombe. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that the Mayor and other officers who served last year for that corporation be continued for the ensuing year and no new ones be chosen till he has signified his further pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 132.]

Sept. 24. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, for taking into custody and bringing before the Earl of Sunderland or a Justice Matthew Clay. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 195.]

Sept. 25. Jersey. Lord Jermyn to Lord [Sunderland]. The Governor of this place is by virtue thereof patron of the several parishes in it. I have promised St. Saviour's (one of them) to Mr. Falle, who is as well qualified for it as any here and whom the garrison have a particular obligation to for instructing us sometimes, which he can perform very well in our own language. He is very much concerned lest he should be disappointed by some other's address to his Majesty for the same living. I desire you to make use of my pre-engagement to prevent it. [*S.P. Channel Islands* 1, *No.* 137.]

Sept. 26. Nottingham. The Duke of Newcastle to Lord [Sunderland]. I received the enclosed last post. If anything be thought fitting by his Majesty

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for me to order Capt. Birch in I am ready and what other letters I have from the North concerning the fugitives I shall present to you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 43.] *Enclosed,*

Capt. Andrew Birch to the Duke of Newcastle. Commanding here in the Lieut.-Governor's absence, I think it my duty to acquaint you with anything extraordinary. Last Friday night I seized Patrick Moore (Muir), brother to Sir William Moore, a suspected Scotchman, and sent him before Mr. Ord of Beal, a neighbouring Justice, who has secured him till the return of Mr. Bolton, my lieutenant, from Edinburgh, whom I have sent express to the Lord Chancellor of Scotland to know his pleasure concerning Mr. Moore and to entreat him to give me directions how this garrison may be made more serviceable in relation to the Scotch fugitives, for great numbers are daily seized and many fled of the greatest quality, so that I have desired the names and descriptions of such as have left the country with orders what letters to open or intercept. I beg your orders what to do with such as I may hereafter seize, whether only to bring them before some Justices and take no further notice of them than to advise you and the Lord Chancellor or myself to secure them (for I have the Lord Chief Justice of England's warrant) and send them on notice from the Lord Chancellor into Scotland to be tried there. I have this post writ to my colonel for leave to be absent for three months and beg your concurrence if I have licence from above, for I have very much business next term.

Lord Mulgrave has given us notice that the King absolutely resolves to have the four companies of his regiment in this garrison next spring into the South. 1684, *Sept.* 21. *Berwick.* [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 43 I.]

Sept. 26. Whitehall. Revocation of the commission of 12 Aug., 1681, appointing Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Preferments calendared in *S.P. Dom.*, 1680–81, *p.* 399. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 162 and *Entry Book* 57, *p.* 91.]

Sept. 26. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the city of Oxford on their surrender of their charters, with a regrant of the lands, powers and privileges enjoyed by their predecessors and constituting the persons named in the annexed paper the first and present members of the corporation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 195.] *Annexed,*

The said paper. [*Ibid. p.* 196.]

[1684.] Sept. 27. Barnard Castle. Olive Meynell to Christopher Crofts by Holborn Bars. About payment to him of 100*l.* due and other private affairs. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 44.]

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Sept. 27. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Duke of Beaufort. I acquainted his Majesty with the contents of your letter of the 20th. He directed me to signify his pleasure to the Attorney General not to proceed on the new charter for Malmesbury till after next term and the further signification of his pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 131.]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Attorney General. About the Malmesbury charter. (The purport appears from the last letter.) [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. *Congé d'élire* to the Dean and Chapter of Rochester for the election of a bishop of that see void by the translation of Dr. Francis Turner to the bishopric of Ely, with a letter recommending Thomas Spratt, D.D., Dean of Westminster, for election. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 90.]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. Grant to Gregory Hascard, D.D., one of the King's chaplains in ordinary, of the deanery of Windsor with the deanery of Wolverhampton and registry of the Knights of the Garter thereto annexed void by the translation of Dr. Francis Turner to the bishopric of Ely. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 91.]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. Grant to Edward Jones of the dignity of a prebendary of Windsor void by the translation of Dr. Francis Turner to the bishopric of Ely. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. Warrant to the Recorder of London to enter bail for Thomas Browne, directed by warrant of 29 Aug. (calendared *ante, p.* 132) to be inserted in the next general pardon, in the mean time. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 196.]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Warrant for referring crimes to the oaths of persons accused. (Printed in *Wodrow, Vol. IV, p.* 118.) [*Nearly* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 554.]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. Warrant for a remission to James Murray of Philiphaugh of the crime of treason and all other crimes preceding the date thereof and particularly his accession to any intended rising in rebellion or corresponding with any persons from England, restoring him to his estate both real and personal. [*Ibid. p.* 556.]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. Warrant for a similar remission to Hugh Scott of Gallowsheills younger. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 557.]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. Warrant for a remission to William Carstaires for all crimes preceding the date thereof and particularly for any treasonable corresponding with the late Earl of Argyle or any other traitors

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or his being in accession to the intended raising of any rebellion either in Scotland or England, enabling him to possess and succeed in the same manner as if he had never committed any of the said crimes. [*Ibid. p.* 558.]

Sept. 28. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. So uncertain are the advices concerning Buda received yesterday by the Flanders and Holland posts that 'tis very difficult to write anything that is true, some letters saying that the besieged are beholden to the sloth and laziness of the Germans that they are yet masters of the place, who will not bury their dead horses or so much as the entrails of the beasts killed for food, which occasions such terrible stenches that it infects the air and causes the bloody flux, which rages very violently in the camp. A second says that the unskilfulness of the engineers is such that they have sprung several mines short of the wall, so that they have had no other effect, when sprung, but to kill several men who were to make the attack on the success of the miners. A third says that the fatal sickness of the Duke of Lorraine had caused it. They all agree that, had not the Bavarian forces arrived, the siege must have been given over, and they tasted of the courage of the besieged, for on the 13th they sallied on a battery of the Bavarians, killed several men and nailed several of their cannon. The dispute was hot and bloody, for some letters say that the Duke of Lorraine was wounded and several persons of quality killed. We had letters from Vienna of the 17th, which say that two Jesuits were got out of the town into the camp and report that on sight of the Bavarian forces the Janissaries and other troops of strangers had pressed the Bassaw to yield, who said he would, provided they would give it under their hands that they forced him, but he assured them that the Seraskier Bassaw would be with their relief by the 12th, in order to which he was come as far as Alba Regalis. The Seraskier having retired to the bridge of Esseck and there joined 10,000 forces sent him from Adrianople was hasting to relieve the place, the Dukes of Lorraine and Bavaria being resolved to fight him as soon as they hear of his approach. Count Leslie has sent an officer to Vienna and another to the Duke of Lorraine to let them know that the Seraskier was past the bridge of Esseck again, having met there a courier from the Grand Signior with positive orders either to relieve the place or perish in the attempt. The soldiers with him were put up in haste and are in a great consternation not only at the loss of their great convoy but on the certain advice of the arrival of the Bavarians. These letters add that since the arrival of the Bavarians the batteries raised by them have done great execution and brought down a great part of the wall, so that a general assault was resolved on, which 'twas thought the Turks would not run the hazard of, but surrender.

From Dublin of the 11th we have advice that the Duke of

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Ormonde saw the Horse and Foot Guards drawn up in a field near that place, where the officers treated him in a tent set up for that purpose.

Letters from Edinburgh of the 16th say that all the ports were shut up and a general search made for some concerned in the late plot and all persons whatever forbid to stir out of their houses on severe penalties. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 102.]

Sept. [before the 29th.] The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for the appointment of Samuel Gorge to be a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland in the place of Arthur Turnor, deceased. *Noted* as entered the 29th. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 334.]

Sept. 29. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of William Hill for an order for a respite of the *custodium* rent of his estate, the same being seized upon the covenants wherein he entered to his Majesty with Sir James Shaen and partners for the revenue of Ireland, till the account be made and stated, that what shall appear to be due may fall equally on the undertakers. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 23.]

Sept. 29. Whitehall. Commission to Charles Stanley to be ensign of Capt. Rupert Dudley's company in the Coldstream regiment of Guards. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 125.]

Sept. 29. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. His Majesty, having approved of Capt. Daniel Dering to be captain of Capt. Culliford's late company in Col. Trelawney's regiment at Tangier on the said Capt. Culliford's voluntary surrender, which is since ordered to go for Ireland, commands me to acquaint you therewith that you may give him your commission for the same accordingly. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 34.]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor of Chichester. I have received your letter of the 22nd in answer to mine signifying the King's pleasure for continuing the present officers till further order, and, having acquainted the King with what you write concerning the Justices conceiving they are discontinued for want of a new election, he has given the Lord Keeper directions to take care in the matter, which I let you know that you may appoint some person to attend him about it. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 133.]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir Edward Scott for a grant of the estate, real and personal, of Sir Thomas Armstrong in Ireland forfeited by his attainder. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 23.]

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Sept. 30. Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Keeper of the petition of Anne Burkin, relict, and William Burkin, son, of Justus Burkin, deceased, for a commission of review in a cause between the petitioners and James Burkin, nephew of the said Justus, concerning his estate. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the corporation of Brewers in Exeter for new letters patent of incorporation with such alterations as his Majesty shall think fit, they having surrendered their charter. [*Ibid. p.* 24.]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. Like reference of the petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and burgesses of Barnstaple surrendering their charter and praying a new one. [*Ibid.*]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of George Clarke, Judge Advocate of the forces, for some reasonable satisfaction out of the allowance for contingent charges for his extraordinary expenses in travelling to Plymouth to hold a court martial there for the trial of Ensign James Hilton for wounding Capt. Row. [*Ibid. p.* 25.]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. On the petition of the inhabitants of Honiton referred to the judges of the Western circuit and their report dated 28 Aug. that they had spoken with several persons of quality, Justices for Devon, concerning the matters in the said petition, who all conceived that the incorporating of the said town would much conduce to the peace and good government thereof, and Sir William Courtenay, who claims several liberties and profits by markets and fairs kept in the said town, being discoursed with concerning the said petition did not oppose the same, but only requested that his just rights and liberties might be preserved, and that therefore they are of opinion it may be fit that the town be incorporated under such name and with such limitations and restrictions as to his Majesty shall seem meet, direction to the Attorney or Solicitor General to consider of such heads and clauses as may be fit to be inserted in the charter for incorporating the said town and to report the same. [*Ibid. p.* 26.]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. Grant to Castilian Morris of the office of Common Clerk of the borough of Leeds, void by the death of George Banister, during pleasure. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 199.]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer. Whereas by our letter of 1 March, 1682–3 (calendared in *S.P. Dom., Jan.–June*, 1683, *p.* 88), we approved of the commission granted by you and the Treasurer Deput to Sir William Sharp, late cash-keeper, for uplifting several funds therein mentioned and particularly what should be found due by Sir John Falconer, late Master of

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the Mint, after closing his accounts of bullion from Nov., 1675, to Nov., 1682, towards satisfaction to the said Sir William of the balance of his accounts found to be due to him, and now understanding that Sir John Falconer is found debtor of 3,000*l.* sterling to us, for the payment whereof he has given security to the said Sir William, we hereby approve of the same, and whereas the said Sir John betwixt 1680 and Nov., 1682, received from several merchants a sum for which he was to have provided 186 stone 5 lbs. 7 oz. of bullion to have been coined in our Mint, which by reason of the process against him and others was not coined before the Mint was closed, and, you having called him to account for that money which in your accounts lately audited is given up as resting by the said Sir John, albeit we might justly appropriate the benefit that would arise betwixt the money and the quantity of bullion by causing you to provide it, yet taking into account the said Sir John's condition by the fines imposed on him for his malversation and the constant loyalty of his family, we dispense with that benefit and allow him to provide the quantity of bullion above mentioned, he giving his bond that within six months after the said Mint shall be opened he shall deliver in the same to such as we shall confer that trust on. [1½ *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 8, *p.* 560.]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. The same to the same. Having considered the petition by the magistrates of Edinburgh wherein they represent that they are restrained from proceeding against Sir James Rocheid, their Town Clerk, for his many malversations in his office in regard of a letter by the Earl of Middleton to them recommending the election of Sir George Drummond to be Provost and declaring that we did not allow of any thing to be done against the said Sir James during the dependence of the compt and reckoning before you, and, being now resolved that any legal proceedings against him be not stopped on pretence of that compt and reckoning, being concerns of a different nature, we hereby authorize and require you to intimate to the magistrates that it is not our intention by any such restraint to hinder them from proceeding against their own Clerk for malversations in his office, which we hereby allow of notwithstanding the said letter and, in regard it may contribute much to our service and the tranquillity of the town that a loyal and peaceable person be Town Clerk, it is our pleasure that, when the magistrates proceed to any new election of a Clerk, they may follow your advice and opinion. [*Over* 1 *page. Ibid. p.* 561.]

Oct. 1. Nottingham. The Duke of Newcastle to Lord [Sunderland]. I present to you all I have received from Berwick concerning the villainous designs of the ill affected and desire you to acquaint his Majesty. I am most ready to go to Berwick or anywhere, when his Majesty commands me. You may see by the enclosed my cousin

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Widdrington is at Blankney, which is nearer London than this place. I am mighty desirous to serve his Majesty, if thought useful, but else nothing is more pleasing to me than to live at my poor cottages. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 45.]. *Enclosed,*

Capt. James Wallis to the Duke of Newcastle. Sending what news they have from Scotland. 1684, *Sept.* 26. *Berwick.* [*Ibid. No.* 45 I.]

Capt. Andrew Birch to the Duke of Newcastle. The officer I sent to Edinburgh found not the Lord Chancellor there, but Lord Lundin, Secretary of State, opened my letter and despatched it to the Lord Chancellor, who as yet has returned no answer. I send a copy of Lord Lundin's letter to me, because this garrison is particularly concerned:—In the Lord Chancellor's absence I opened your letter. Matters of great moment have been in agitation, of which I was resolved to have sent you notice by Tuesday's post and the rather because one of the designs of these rebels was to surprise Berwick. The inhabitants are so extremely fanatic that they looked on the design as easy. The same way they resolved to have made themselves masters of the castles here and by the assistance of the late Earl of Argyle and the help of 1,000 *horse and dragoons from the borders of England to have surprised the forces and made themselves masters of the kingdom, but it has pleased God not only to discover the authors of this conspiracy, but to let many of them fall into our hands, by which it is hoped their malice is for this time prevented, yet some, who are not the least concerned, have got away, particularly Home of Polwarth and Home (Pringle) of Torwoodlee. The first was said to be at Berwick, but we are since informed he did not go that way. Henderson, bookbinder over against the church in Berwick, was one of the murderers of the Archbishop of St. Andrews. If he could be found, there is a considerable price on his head. He stays sometimes at the house of a Scotchman in Tweedmouth, whom, I think, they call Manderstone. You will take care that search be made for him, and, if found, you will send an express to inform us of his being apprehended, which will be esteemed a very good service.*

According to my lord's advice I searched with all possible care for Henderson not only at the said places but others. In Hoy's house, a shoemaker, I found he had been harboured by their own confession a year since under the name of John Shaw. Hoy refused me entrance into his house, though I showed him the Lord Chief Justice of England's warrant, after I had broke his doors open, but this saucy fellow, who never goes to divine service, pretends to sue me for it, because I had not also the Mayor's warrant.

I beg your orders, for several Scotch prisoners have on oath deposed that Berwick was to have been surprised and that

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several townsmen had undertaken to cut the throats of the soldiers quartered with them and then with the help of ill neighbours on the Borders to have surprised the garrison and got the magazine, which my lieutenant was told by several of good credit this week at Edinburgh, and you may observe that Lord Lundin's letter intimates a design on Berwick. I have shut up the Cowgate and ordered the wickets, which before were left open till 10, *to be shut at* 8. *I suffer no Scotchmen to pass into England without they have sufficient passports according to two proclamations in Scotland and suffer no ships to carry any passengers away or land any but such as I have a very good account of and take all possible care that the inns entertain no suspected persons and I have made several searches about an hour after taptow, which care I shall continue and more if possible. I beg your commands about disarming the townsmen, for almost every house has a good fusee and other arms, and having no barracks in the garrison to lodge our men together in but they being lodged severally in burghers' houses, 'twould not have been difficult to have executed their design. I will also set a guard at the Scotch gate, which was slighted formerly by reason of the breaches in the wall, which is out of the town a little towards Scotland but is the only place proper to give notice to the garrison of any danger or prevent a surprise.*

I hope our danger is over; if not, nothing shall be wanting to preserve ourselves and do the best service possible. I have also writ the same account to our Lieut.-Governor to Blankney. 4 *pages. Ibid. No.* 45 II.]

Oct. 1. Berwick. Capt. Andrew Birch to the Lord Chief Justice. I had lately advice from Lord Lundin that the rebels by the help of the fanatic burghers of this town and some disaffected Borderers had a design to surprise this garrison, to prevent which he gave me orders to seize one Henderson, who maintained the correspondence and was one of the murderers of the late Archbishop of St. Andrews. I went immediately to search the house of widow Walker on information that he was there and, after setting my guards, I sent for John Carvy, a constable, showed your warrant and demanded his assistance, which he absolutely refused except I had also the Mayor's warrant, so I was obliged to search alone without any aid from the civil magistrate. This happened 29 Sept. betwixt 6 and 7 a.m. Mr. Holt, lieutenant to Sir Thomas Ogle, Mr. Fielding, lieutenant to Sir W. Wheler, and Mr. Bowtell, lieutenant to Capt. FitzPatrick, are witnesses to what I write. The Mayor on my complaint sent the constable to gaol, where he lies, expecting your orders. I am extremely importuned by several of this town not to represent this to you, but I think it my duty to press you to make an example of him, for, though I could as having the chief command of the garrison seize or

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search for these rascals, yet I desire to act by your authority, which will be much diminished if a petty constable refuse it.

Yesterday Bolton, my lieutenant, seized Edward Ord, a Nonconformist person lately come from Scotland, and Mr. Fenwick, the Mayor, would not without the greatest importunity commit or give him the oath of allegiance, which he took, but not the oath of supremacy or the test.

To-day Col. Strother and I met at some distance from the town and sent out a party of dragoons, who brought in Henderson I mentioned and Andrew Riddall of Tweeddale. I have given an account of both to the Lord Chancellor of Scotland. To-day we expect another party will bring in the Laird of Pilton, *alias* Coburne (Cockburn), and Henry Askew, a Whig Scots preacher. To-morrow I shall attend the commissioners for the neighbouring shires of Scotland and receive their commands. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 46.]

Oct. 1. Whitehall. Commissions to Murdo McKenzie to be captain of the company whereof Capt. Melvill, deceased, was captain, to Thomas Bruce to be lieutenant of the colonel's company, to John Auchmouty to be first lieutenant to Major Archibald Douglas and to William Melvill to be ensign to Sir Charles Murray, all in the Royal Regiment of Foot. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 129.]

Oct. [1 ?] Whitehall. Warrant to Charles Bowles, Master of the Toils, to repair with the King's waggons and toils to the park of Ford, Lord Grey, called Uppark, Sussex, and to take all the deer therein and remove them to the Forest of Alice Holt. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 199.]

Oct. 2. Warrant from Col. William Strother to Christopher Hodgson, gaoler at Morpeth. I had an order from Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys that a great number of persons are proscribed in Scotland for treason and other crimes and, a proclamation being issued for apprehending them, are fled out of the kingdom and lurk in places in England, in pursuance whereof has been brought before me Andrew Riddall, son to Sir Walter Riddall, who now lives in Howtell in the parish of Newton and does not frequent the church and, I am informed, is fled out of Scotland for crimes committed there, and who refused to take the oath of allegiance when tendered by me. These are therefore to charge you to keep the said Riddall and also John Henderson, a Scots chapman, who likewise refuses to take the oath of allegiance, till they be proceeded against according to law. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 47.]

Oct. 2. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor of Carlisle. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that the magistrates and officers who served

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last year for that city be continued for the year ensuing and that no new ones be chosen till he has signified his further pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 133.]

Oct. 2. Whitehall. Warrant to Lord Dartmouth, Master General of the Ordnance, for forthwith sending one of the principal engineers to the city and castle of Stirling with instructions to take an account of the situation thereof with the passes on the River Forth and to make and draw the best designs he can for fortifying the same either separately or together, causing likewise particular estimates of the charge of the works and fortifications intended and exact drafts of the designs to be made and drawn and presented for the King's view and approbation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 126.]

Oct. 3. Whitehall. Warrant for a new charter to the Grocers' Company of London on the surrender of their former charter, with the provisions, etc., in the annexed paper of heads and for constituting the persons therein named present members of the company. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 109.] *Annexed,*

The said paper of heads, among them the following :—that confectioners, druggists, tobacconists and tobacco-cutters having been always bred by members of this Company, and of whom there is no corporation in London or within three miles of it, may be under the government and regulation of the Company, and that all persons using grocery or these trades in particular within these places (though free of other companies) may take their freedom of the Grocers' Company, or however shall for the future bind their apprentices at the Hall of and to members of this Company and make them free of the same and shall not be otherwise incorporated or separated from this Company. [4 *pages. Ibid.*]

Another copy of the same warrant and heads, omitting the proviso printed above. [4 *pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 201.]

Oct. 3. Whitehall. Warrant for inserting in the charter of Newcastle-on-Tyne, when it comes to be renewed, the name of John Fetherstonhagh of Stanhope Hall, Durham, to be Town Clerk. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 56.]

Oct. 3. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and corporation of Winchester for a regrant of their functions, which they have surrendered. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 25.]

Oct. 3. Whitehall. Reference to Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys of the petition of Dame Margaret Lunsford, relict of Sir Herbert Lunsford, praying in

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consideration of her husband's loyalty and sufferings and in discharge of all further importunities from her a recommendation to the Lord Chief Justice for some place of credit and profit in the City for her kinsman Richard White of the Middle Temple, whose constant exhibitions to her have been her chief subsistence. [*Ibid. p.* 26.]

Oct. 3. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the inhabitants of Brighthelmston for a grant of incorporation and of sending two burgesses to Parliament. [*Ibid. p.* 27.]

Oct. 8. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney on Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and burgesses of Tiverton for a grant of a new charter, they having surrendered their former ones. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 3. Whitehall. Direction that the report of the Lords of the Treasury on the petition of Mary, Lady Grey (calendared in *the Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1305), be transmitted back to them, who are to give order for the passing of a lease to the petitioner as in the report is mentioned, which his Majesty approves of. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. p.* 28.]

Oct. 3. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the Company of Brewers in Exeter on the surrender of their former charters and for a regrant of the lands, powers and privileges enjoyed by their predecessors, with the reservations, alterations and additions and with the names of the officers of the said company contained in the annexed paper. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 199.]
Annexed,
The said paper. [*Ibid. p.* 200.]

Oct. 3. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter to the Company of Grocers of London, etc. (*See previous page.*) [*Ibid. p.* 201.]

Oct. 3. Similar warrant re-incorporating the Company of Drapers of London with a similar paper annexed. [*Ibid. p.* 205.]

[Oct. 3.] Similar warrant re-incorporating the Company of Saddlers of London with a similar paper annexed. [*Ibid. p.* 206.]

Oct. 3. London. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. (Printed in *Dalrymple, Vol. II, Appendix, Part I, p.* 65.) [*Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 112.]

Oct. 3. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for inserting in the present and future establishments of Ireland a pension of 20*l. per annum* payable quarterly to commence from Michaelmas last to Margaret Walter *alias* Thicknesse for the support of herself and her children, her husband, who has taken no care to provide

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for them, to receive no part thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 338.]

Oct. 4. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury or any other messenger for searching for and taking into custody —— Hall, a young man, a Scotchman, who lived lately in or near St. Clement's Lane, —— Alderseye of Trinity Lane near Watling Street, Mistress Freeman, living in the Poultry, Mistress Hardcastle, living lately in Moorfields, Mistress Burt, living in Crutched Friars, Mistress Juxon, living at Old Wharf, Mistress Gillgour, living about the Old Exchange or Cheapside, Mistress Carmichael, living in Dowgate, Mr. Nicholson, living near Leadenhall, Mr. Owen, living in Bloomsbury Square, and Mr. Mathews, a merchant in Bishopsgate, and bringing them before the Privy Council to answer to what shall be objected against them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 208.]

Oct. 6. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Roger L'Estrange. Whereas his Majesty has lately received several informations concerning the manage of Edward Fitzharris and Miles Prance and several others, while they were prisoners in Newgate, the Gatehouse and elsewhere, it is his pleasure that you make a particular inquiry by means of Capt. Richardson, Mr. Church and others into the said matters concerning the practices of those that came to them and had to do with them by any unlawful and unwarrantable ways. You are likewise authorized to assure the said Keepers or others employed by them of his Majesty's particular favour even in case of their own failings or misdemeanours on a full and clear declaration of the truth concerning this affair. Hereof you are forthwith to make report to me. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 134.]

Oct. 6. Whitehall. The same to the same. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that he apply himself to the jurors that served on the trials where Oates and Prance were evidences, especially to such as he finds to be of the fairest character and unquestionable credit, to the end that he may be particularly informed on the matters which he has received directions to inquire into. He is to proceed without delay and forthwith render an account of the same. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 7. Newmarket. Presentation of Andrew Needham, M.A., to the rectory of Beverston with the chapel of Kingscot, Gloucestershire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 92.]

Oct. 7. Newmarket. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Barnstaple on the surrender of their charters and for a regrant of the lands, powers and privileges enjoyed by them or their predecessors and for constituting the persons named in the annexed schedule

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the first and present members of the corporation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 209.] *Annexed,*

The said schedule. [*Ibid. p.* 210.]

Oct. 7. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. I already told you that Monroe lately seized in Scotland had owned all the horrid conspiracy carried on not only there but here, since which he has made a very large confession and is bringing up hither. He is so touched with the horror of his guilt that he has attempted to destroy himself, to prevent which he is carefully looked after.

On Sunday night a committee of the Lords sat at Whitehall, where his Royal Highness was present. The discovery made in Scotland was then under examination and Mathews, an Eastern merchant, with several others were seized and examined and all discharged but Mathews.

As soon as Monroe is come hither, the letters of Argyle and the confessions of his secretary will be made public, which will convince all the world of the hellishness of the design.

Yesterday his Royal Highness went for Newmarket and on Wednesday the Prince and Princess go.

Letters from Venice of the 29th advise that Secretary Capello was arrived there, having escaped from Constantinople after the declaration of war. They add that the captain of the ships of that state was at Tine (Tinos) and overran most of the islands of the Archipelago, forcing them to pay contributions, and that he had by his cannon beaten down one of the towers of Scio and had taken divers vessels, among them three laden with ammunition designed for the army in Hungary. The Turks, fleet for fear of the Venetians was retired with 26 galleys within the Dardanelles, having only twelve without, who by their swiftness avoided the encounter of the Venetian armado.

The Weavers' Company had a meeting yesterday to petition his Majesty about their charter. Yesterday Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys went into the King's Bench court and held a county sessions and gave the charge to the Middlesex Grand Jury, a condescension not known.

Yesterday at the Guildhall sessions about sixty Dissenters taken at conventicles were tried, convicted and fined, some large and some small ones. Those who paid it in court were discharged, but some fined high did not pay and so were committed to prison with orders to be brought before the court Friday sennight. Langly, who bought the rhinoceros, was indicted and appeared, but before his trial absented himself but was fined 3*l*. This day the business between Mr. Cradock and the former farmers of the markets was heard before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen. They came to no determination, but put it off till Friday next, when a special court will be summoned to decide it. Faldoe, a Nonconformist minister, was taken on Sunday in the street and carried before Sir James Edwards, who tendered him the oaths

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of allegiance and supremacy, which he refusing, he was committed to prison.

Mr. Chudleigh, his Majesty's envoy, is arrived at the Hague, where the Dukes of Grafton and Northumberland are also. He passed by the Prince of Orange without showing him any respect, having such orders, that Prince having disgusted his Majesty by his extraordinary caressing the Duke of Monmouth, who is now at the Hague and will be there, the Prince having given him a house that was his grandmother's called the Hoft, which is fitting up for him. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 103.]

Oct. 8. Nottingham. The Duke of Newcas[illegible] to Lord [Sunderland]. Desiring him to present his suit to his Majesty that the bearer Mr. Bawdes may be Town Clerk of this corporation.—He is chosen by the Mayor, Aldermen and Council according to the charter and I was present, but his Majesty's approbation makes him. He is very loyal and is a Counsellor and was very serviceable to his Majesty and the loyal Mayor and Aldermen, when the riot was here two years ago. His father and relations were in his Majesty's service and had troops by my father's commissions. I am going to my other house in the country and now assure myself there will be no disorders in this town. [3 *pages*. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 48.]

Oct. 8. Kington. Richard Hopton to the Duke of Beaufort. The late disloyal corporation of Leominster is now of itself utterly dissolved and I conceive it is now in his Majesty's power to grant a new charter to the loyal party of that corporation when he pleases without any further proceedings on the *Quo warranto* now depending. The way I advised, at my going into my Welsh circuit, the loyal party to confound this fanatic corporation was this. Whereas by their charter it is expressly set down that the Common Council shall consist of 25 of the capital burgesses, who or the greater number of them, who must be 13, shall yearly on the first Monday after Michaelmas Day meet in their Council Chamber and choose a Bailiff, who by the charter is to serve one whole year from the time of his election, and it happily falling out that one of the fanatic party suddenly dying and Colt, another, being imprisoned, that party was thereby lessened to 12, which is not a qualified number, I therefore advised the loyal party of the corporation, who are but 11, to absent themselves from every Common Council till the morrow after the first Monday after Michaelmas last, which they accordingly did, not one of them appearing in Council last Monday, where the fanatic party appearing and being but 12 stayed till the day was spent and wanting one to make them 13 therefore did not choose any new Bailiff and the time of the old Bailiff being expired last Monday his office is wholly determined by their own wilful default, so I conceive there is neither

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head nor body of that disloyal corporation now in being and that his Majesty without further disputing the *Quo warranto* may grant a new charter when he pleases.

The enclosed received from Mr. Tomkins, one of the chief of the loyal party there, I present to you that you may perceive what the loyal party desire and because that letter mentions a former promise from you to them, which peradventure you may forget. I have therefore also enclosed your letter to me, which will remind you of what you directed me to inform the loyal party of, which I did.

It is the humble request of the loyal party that, till his Majesty shall grant a new charter, you would obtain some commission or authority to some of them to collect the toll and profits of the fairs and markets there, which otherwise will be wholly lost, for at present there is not any officer above a petty constable in that town and the last Bailiff has taken up his maces from his sergeants, laid up his staff of authority and intermeddles not, though he be as great a Fanatic as can be, and now they acknowledge their corporation determined and their charter lost. Any the least instrument of authority for expedition's sake, if it be but under the sign manual, may be sufficient at present. There is a great fair at Leominster the 28th instant, the toll and profits whereof will be very considerable and will help on the loyal party to the charge of the new charter, but, if means be not used to send down a commission or authority to some of the chief of the loyal party in Leominster before that day, the toll and profits will be utterly lost. (Naming four of the most loyal persons, to whom authority should be granted.) Pray vouchsafe me a line or two instructing me what answer I shall give to the request of the loyal party. I do not doubt but the corporation, when restored by a new charter, will be the most loyal corporation in the kingdom though the old has been the most disloyal. I am now going to meet some of the loyal party to give them my best advice. [*Ibid. No.* 49.] *Enclosed,*

John Tomkins to Richard Hopton. I am highly favoured by yours by Mr. Powell, who, I believe, acted with great assurance from the person concealed of his real inclinations to assist the interest, as far as he was now able without appearing barefaced or a deserter of them.

Some propositions were made yesterday as to making a Bailiff, but apprehending them not satisfactory we persisted to our former resolution of not meeting them and the day being spent no Bailiff is chosen. I apprehend the government of this place is now in the King's hands and it is expedient by this post to intimate it to his Grace and to pray some authority to collect the perquisites of the market. There is no officer above a constable. This field has been hard fought and 'twill be great satisfaction to see you here, for we must now implore your assistance for a new charter. You remember his Grace's

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promise and the King's word. 1684, *Oct.* 7, 3 *p.m. Leominster.* [*Ibid. No.* 49 I.]

Oct. 8. Newmarket. Warrant for a grant to John Wickart, chaplain to the King, of the place of a prebendary of the Chapel Royal, Windsor, void by the promotion of Thomas Spratt, D.D., to the bishopric of Rochester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 164.]

Oct. 8. Newmarket. Warrant for the presentation of John Evans to the rectory of Uffington, Lincolnshire, void by the promotion of Thomas Spratt, D.D., to the bishopric of Rochester. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 8. Newmarket. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the city of Exeter on the surrender of their charters and for regranting to them the lands, powers and privileges enjoyed by them or their predecessors with the reservations in the annexed schedule and for constituting the persons therein named the first and present officers of the corporation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 211.]
Annexed,
The said schedule. [*Nearly* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 212.]

Oct. 9. London. Alderman Charles Duncombe to the Earl of Sunderland. After the many false insinuations long since made to his Majesty against me I find one more, which I hope will satisfy him of the rest. I doubt not Lord Godolphin has told you of it and therefore will refer you to the true state of the matter in the enclosed paper. I beg your appearance for me and to let his Majesty know how I am abused and, if you think fit, I will come down to justify my innocence. The Lord Chief Justice has given an account of the matter already. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 50.]

Oct. 9. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Letters from Venice say that vessels are daily shipped off thence with provisions for the Armada and they have advice that their General Morosini has besieged Chinu (?), having first disembarked several soldiers, who had plundered Porto Candello and returned with a very rich booty. Several new levies were daily making there and Charles Feilding, an English gentleman under the title of Viscount Carlingford, has undertaken to raise 1,800 foot, English and Dutch, and is made Sergeant Major of the infantry.

Letters from Germany say that the Turks in Buda have seized some boats, in which were above 30,000 loaves, and that a lieutenant who had the guard of an advanced post was hanged with several of his soldiers for shamefully acquitting the post on a sally made by the Turks.

The French Court is returned from Chambord to Fontainebleau and after spending some short time there will return to Versailles. The orders for disbanding the 14,000 horse and 20,000 foot are not yet put in execution but it is believed they

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will be suddenly by reason all disputes are adjusted but the business of Genoa, which, it is hoped, will be accommodated by the interposition of the King of England.

They write from Holland that Mr. Chudleigh, his Majesty's envoy, has acquainted the States and all the foreign ministers that his master is so highly disaffected with the Prince of Orange that he had express orders to declare his indignation and that he was so far from being obliged to treat with him on any public affair that he was not so much as to see him for showing so much countenance to the Duke of Monmouth. The Prince of Orange is gone from the Hague to Fosdyke and in his passage was obliged to pass through Amsterdam, which the magistrates having notice of gave orders for preparing a very splendid dinner for him, supposing he would be there about that time, but on notice that he could not be there so soon they deferred it till evening, in hopes he would have accepted, and the Burgomasters were got ready to receive him against his coming, but he, to show his disaffection to the late proceeding, caused his coachman to go a full trot through the town, which being perceived by the Burgomasters they ran after the coach and with much ado the coach stopped and, one of the Burgomasters making a speech to the end aforesaid, he in a slighting manner told them he was in haste and so left the Burgomasters to feast it among themselves.

Last Tuesday an indictment of high treason was found at Kingston sessions against Mr. Rosewell, a Dissenting minister, for speaking treason in the pulpit. Two men and two women positively swore the words against him and he is to be tried at the King's Bench bar next term. Last Tuesday Mr. Franklin, Mr. Hewes and Mr. Baxter, three Dissenting ministers, were seized and brought to Hicks' Hall. The two former were committed, but the latter had time given him to find security for good behaviour. It is said that warrants are issued for seizing all the Fanatic preachers about the City. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 104.]

Oct. 11. Newmarket. Royal assent to the election by the Dean and Chapter of Rochester of Dr. Thomas Spratt, Dean of Westminster, to be Bishop of Rochester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 93.]

Oct. 13. Newmarket. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Chief Justice. The King commands me to send you the enclosed information of Alexander Amedei, who being a foreigner and not well understanding the English tongue has penned it in Latin. His Majesty, knowing well how ill a man this Goodman is, is sensible he would not be wanting to promote any ill design. He would therefore have you examine this whole matter as well in relation to the pardon Goodman was endeavouring to obtain and the escape he made out of prison, as in reference to the particulars in the information, wherein that you may be more fully instructed, the informant

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himself is directed to attend you. His Majesty would have you take such order herein as you shall think just in cases of such villainy, that the same may be severely punished according to the direction of the law and the informant protected from any violence or injury on this account. He would also have Goodman forthwith seized and kept in custody, in case you find sufficient ground for so doing. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 136.]

Oct. 13. Newmarket. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of Henry Alured for a patent for fourteen years for his invention of an art for graving ships by embittering the wood, that preserves them from worms. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 29.]

Oct. 13. Newmarket. Warrant to Ralph Young, messenger, to conduct Alexander Amidei before the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench and, in case he endeavours to escape, or gives reason to suspect any such intention, then to seize him and carry him in safe custody before the Lord Chief Justice. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 214.]

Oct. 14. Whitehall. The Earl of Middleton to Lord [Sunderland]. This is only to convey the foreign letters received this afternoon. I shall deal no more for the last Lord Rochester's lodgings, if it is true that the Duchess of Portsmouth has a mind to have them. You may tell her this from me and that I had wrote of this to you at Winchester but had never heard of her interest till within these two days. You may also propose as from yourself that, if she'll allow me to come into them now, if she can get Mrs. Crafts' afterwards for me, I shall be very willing to change. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 51.]

Oct. 14. Newmarket. Warrant for a new charter to the Merchant Tailors' Company of London with the provisoes, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 58.]
Annexed,
The said paper of heads. [*Over 2 pages. Ibid.*]

Oct. 14. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. The hot report mentioned in my last of the taking of Buda is now quite vanished, for letters from Vienna of the 5th advise that the besieged continue to make a vigorous opposition, that the Seraskier Bassaw, after making a false attempt on the camp, retreated some few leagues, but next morning, taking advantage of a great mist, sent a body of 4,000 chosen horse to convoy 500 horse and about 800 foot into the town with a great quantity of meal and rice, which design took effect though with the loss of many Turks and about 600 Christians, amongst which were many officers of quality, and that the besieged having received this supply it was believed would defend themselves to extremity and that

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by reason of continual rains, which extremely incommode the Christians, the great fatigue they have so long undergone and the near approach of winter, 'tis feared they will be forced to raise the siege.

His Majesty, having advice of the Queen's being indisposed, sent a messenger on purpose to Whitehall to see how she did, who found her somewhat better and in a fair way of recovery. Last Tuesday his Royal Highness went fox hunting. His Majesty has fixed the time of his return for London on Saturday sennight, if his resolution alters not. Their Royal Highnesses intend for London the Thursday before.

Though letters from Vienna of the 5th made some doubt of succeeding in the siege of Buda, yet those of the 8th (arrived this evening) give us hopes of taking it in a few days, the Emperor having commanded to press on the siege, cost what it will, and the Elector of Bavaria is resolved not to abandon it, though he and all his troops should perish there, and letters from the camp of the 5th say the Seraskier Bassaw, not daring to make head against the Duke of Lorraine, was retired beyond Pont Esseck and that the Duke had followed him many leagues and was not then returned to the camp and that on the 3rd the Imperial and Bavarian forces made an assault on a tower towards the river, which action lasted several hours with a great slaughter on both sides, but the Christians were repulsed and the Turks continued their post, but on the arrival of 4,000 Swabians they were resolved to redouble their attacks. Some prisoners taken in this assault advise that there is such a disorder amongst the officers and soldiers that in a council of war it was resolved that, if they were not succoured in eight days, they would take measures conformable to their necessities, provisions being so scarce that horseflesh is sold for 9 stivers a *lb.*, that the Governor had beheaded three or four sophies for giving a true report of the strength of the Seraskier's army, the garrison being much discouraged thereby. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 105.]

Oct. [15 ?] The Duke of Beaufort to Lord [Sunderland]. You will find by the enclosed from a very honest active man for the King's interest and a very good lawyer, though no extraordinary penman, and by the account of the bearer, who was Town Clerk of Leominster till he so industriously and loyally turned himself out with all the other officers and burgesses of that town by joining with the other loyal persons there (not enough to outvote but enough by staying away to prevent a sufficient *quorum* to do any legal act, by which the government is wholly devolved into the King's hands), in what posture that town now is and how necessary is the commission desired for receiving the profits of the toll and fairs there as also another for myself to be High Steward there with power to make deputies for the ends there mentioned, which I am sure is enough to bespeak your speedy

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moving the King in it and afterwards as speedy and effectual an execution of the King's commands, which I doubt not will be to the satisfaction of those loyal men that have fought it out so handsomely for his interest there and will quash their fears that the above-mentioned profits should be given to any private man, which would be reproached them by the town for ever. This town sends members to parliament and was remarkable for sending very factious ones, Mr. Colt for one, now a prisoner in the King's Bench on his Royal Highness' account, which his Majesty will now have an opportunity to prevent for the future. (With the names of five persons to be commissioners to receive the toll and profits of the fair, etc.) [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 52.] *Enclosed,*

Richard Hopton to the Duke of Beaufort. Giving a summary of his letter of the 8*th calendared ante, p.* 168.*—This morning I received information from the loyal party of Leominster that they are informed that some gentleman of the country has or intends to solicit you for a commission to himself to receive not only the tolls and profits of the fairs and markets of Leominster but also the chief rents belonging to the late corporation and the rents and duties on leases made by them. The very report of this has tickled the fanatic party there and caused them to jeer at the loyal party, which grieves them much. But I have answered that I am most confident you would not suffer any such thing to be done to the prejudice of the loyal party, who have been thus loyal to the last and have dissolved that most disloyal corporation. As the toll and profits are most fitting to be applied towards the charge of renewing the charter, so the rents of the late corporation ought to be applied towards paying the fee-farm rent to which the town is liable. The loyal party further implore you to procure for yourself a commission to be High Steward of Leominster, that so, till a new charter be had, court leets may be held by your deputy and peace within that town preserved.*

Postscript. Recommending the bearer John Steade, the Town Clerk. [3 *pages. Ibid. No.* 52 I.]

Oct. 15. Newmarket. Warrant for a privy seal commanding —— Morgan of Tredegar, Monmouthshire, to return into England. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 213.]

Oct. 15. Newmarket. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal. Whereas it has been represented to us by the Earl of Lauderdale and Lord Maitland that they have been pursued at our instance in a process relating to the Mint and that a decreet was pronounced against them and that they have several defences to propose which were never sustained nor repelled and several of them not yet proposed, and therefore supplicating our leave to intent a reduction of the said decreet before the Lords of Session,

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we, considering that they desire nothing but what is of common course and that they have done this to show their deference to us, and considering the loyalty and former services of their family, allow them to intent and proceed in a process of reduction of the foresaid decreet and, further considering that the former process was pursued at our instance, we think it just that this process of reduction have the privilege of our causes without waiting the course of the roll, but that it be discussed summarily, and we require you to acquaint the Lords of Session, our Advocate and all others concerned with this our pleasure. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 1.]

Oct. 15. Newmarket. Warrant for a commission to Æneas Mackpherson to be Sheriff Deput in the shire of Aberdeen. [*Nearly* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 2.]

Oct. 15. Newmarket. Warrant for a protection in the ordinary form to Nathaniel White of Bruntsheilles for two years. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 4.]

Oct. 15. Jersey. Lord Jermyn to Lord [Sunderland]. The winter season affording not many opportunities of writing to England made me unwilling to omit this. We have a correspondence between us of the garrison and the inhabitants so reciprocally kind as gives me confident hopes there will be no complaints in my time. This has made me like the place better than I expected and, unless something should happen to my affairs in England, I shall not trouble you to beg leave this winter, but in February or March I shall be glad to come for some time. [*S.P. Channel Islands* 1, *No.* 138.]

Oct. 16. London. Lord Keeper Guilford to Lord [Sunderland]. I received the enclosed address from Mr. Bear, Recorder of Dartmouth, who desired me to present it to his Majesty. I was loth to defer it till his coming to town and therefore beg you to lay it before him at some convenient opportunity. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 53.] *Enclosed,*

The address of the inhabitants of the borough of Clifton Dartmouth Hardness to the King. Thanking him for his favour in restoring all their former privileges, promising never to admit into the corporation any rebel or disaffected person and to choose as burgesses not any one of those concerned in any of the mutinous votes of the late Houses of Commons, particularly that of the Exclusion. Signed by the Mayor, Recorder and Town Clerk, the Grand Jury and 11 *others.* 1684, *Oct.* 6. [*Ibid. No.* 53 I.]

Oct. 16. Newmarket. The Earl of Sunderland to the Governor of Dover. I have acquainted the King with your letter of 4 Sept., who would have you release the French prisoners as soon as they shall have

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come to an agreement with the persons on whose account they have been confined. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, p. 136.]

Oct. 16. Newmarket. Warrant for a new charter to the Leather-Sellers' Company of London with the provisoes, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 61.]
Annexed,
The said paper of heads. [*Over* 2 *pages. Ibid.*]

Oct. 16. Newmarket. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the Duke of Ormonde's report dated 27 Sept. on the reference to him of Marmaduke Darcy's petition, which petition, reference and report are all calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1386. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 29.]

Oct. 17. Newmarket. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of James Tarewell of Lymmington, Somerset, praying a discharge to him of a recognizance of 500*l.* forfeited by his father, who was committed to prison for it and there died. [*Ibid. p.* 32.]

Oct. 18. Aston. Sir Charles Holt to Lord [Sunderland]. The account of our proceedings on Birmingham school you had sooner received, but that the distance we (whom the King commanded to inspect the school) live asunder much obstructed the perfecting of this paper, which I now send. If we have omitted anything that might be more for his Majesty's service and the benefit of the school, I beg you to command such defects to be supplied before it comes to the King's sight. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 54.]

Oct. 18. Warrant to the Archbishop of Canterbury for a dispensation to Thomas Spratt, D.D., Bishop elect of Rochester, to hold the deanery of Westminster *in commendam* with the bishopric of Rochester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 93.]

Oct. 18. Newmarket. The King to the Master of Christ's College, Cambridge. Willing and requiring him to admit Thomas Cudworth, B.A., of that college to the first vacant fellowship there, any statute, etc., to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Ibid. p.* 94.]

Oct. 18. Newmarket. The King to the Master and Senior Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge. Requiring them to restore to the same fellowship in that college Peter Redmayne, M.A., lately one of the Fellows of that college, who was, 5 July last, expelled from the University by the major part of the Heads of Colleges then present for some miscarriages in his prevaricator's speech at the last commencement, the King having received a very good character of his former behaviour. [*Ibid. p.* 95.]

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Oct. 18. London.

Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. The Duchess of Portsmouth has been very ill at Newmarket of her old distemper, the colic, which took her with so much violence that his Majesty ordered Dr. Wetherly and Dr. Short to be sent for with speed, but, before they arrived, the pain was much abated, though she continues very ill. His Majesty continues in extraordinary good health, much pleased with the divertisements at Newmarket.

I told you in my last that Mr. Constable, secretary to Mr. Chudleigh, was gone to Newmarket. He has brought with him Sir Thomas Armstrong's papers, which were seized in Holland, so that next term Mr. Hayes, who has been some time a prisoner in the King's Bench for holding correspondence with Armstrong after he was outlawed, will be brought to trial.

Orders are given on new information against Mr. Oates to have him tried this term.

There was a rumour as if the Duke of Monmouth designed to come for England, but we hear now he intends to settle at the Hague for this winter.

I formerly told you that Sir William Prichard, late Lord Mayor, had brought his action against Papillon and Dubois for false imprisonment, which is to be tried at the King's Bench bar this term.

Last Thursday Mr. Cradock and others attend[ed] the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen about farming the markets of London, which had been several times heard before, who proffered 3,000*l. per annum*, but Mr. Kilnar, formerly a silk merchant in Milk Street, unexpectedly came in and proffered 3,600*l. per annum*, on which they were ordered to withdraw and at last it was declared that Mr. Kilnar should have it, he offering to pay one half down.

Yesterday the adjourned sessions were held at the Guildhall, where the Dissenters formerly heard there and committed to Newgate for not paying their fines appeared. Many of them, submitting to the Court, had easy fines laid on them and were discharged, others, who stood out refractory, were re-committed. The fines of the persons now prisoners in the King's Bench, which were restreated into the Exchequer, are come from thence and their estates to be extended, the officers being on the estate of Sir Samuel Barnardiston already.

Letters from Vienna of the 12th say that Buda remains still obstinate, and that the Christians resolve after the springing of two mines, which were then ready, to make a general assault on the 12th, the success of which we expect with impatience. The Christians were masters of the Round Tower there and had posted themselves under the main wall of the town, but were forced off with the loss of 300 men, though 'tis said the Turks left many more. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital* 2), *No.* 106.]

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Oct. 20. Berwick. Sir William Wheler to Lord [Sunderland]. Being informed that the Mayor of this town had James Cawan, a proclaimed rebel in Scotland, in prison, I asked if he would deliver him up to the Scotch officers on demand. He told me he could not do that without an express order from the King. I then demanded him to deliver him up to me, which he refused, saying he knew of nothing laid to his charge. I then desired him to discharge him immediately, he being then before us, and I told him I would seize him as a traitor, but the Mayor told me he would recommit him to prison and afterwards do with him as he thought fit. I, perceiving he intended to shuffle him away as they had done another since I came here, told him and the Justices there that if they would not deliver him to me fairly I would take him by force, and thereupon took hold of him and commanded Lieut. Holt to carry him to the main-guard, which was done. The Mayor and Justices highly resented this as a great breach of their privileges and told me they would complain to the King and Council. I told them that, since they would not, I would take care, whilst I command here, that Berwick should not be a safe receptacle for traitors. I was also informed that Patrick More was in custody of a constable only at Tweedmouth and had been there a month and that the Justices had refused to deliver him up to the Scotch officers sent to demand him without an express order from his Majesty. I considering he might easily escape sent Ensign Foster to take him from the constable and committed him to the garrison's custody. Mr. Ord came to-day and only modestly told me that he thought I had not acted according to law. I answered I judged what I had done was for the King's service. I was also informed that James Reston and George Turnbul both in the proclamation had sheltered themselves in Berwick bounds these two years. I sent an officer to apprehend them, which was done, and I intend to go to-morrow to Edinburgh and acquaint the Council, and know whether I shall deliver them up or dismiss them. I hope you will represent this to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 55.]

Oct. 20. Newmarket. Warrant for a new charter to the Plumbers' Company of London with the provisoes, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 64.] *Annexed, The said paper of heads.* [*Over* 2 *pages. Ibid.*]

Oct. 20. Newmarket. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Mary and Anne Preston, daughters of Sir Thomas Preston, deceased, for a grant of all the arrears of the rents and profits of the late dissolved monastery of Furness, Lancashire, decreed to his Majesty in Trinity term, 1679, from that time till 25 Aug., 1682, when the possession of the premises was delivered to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 30.]

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Oct. 21. Welbeck. The Duke of Newcastle to Lord [Sunderland]. Thanking him for his letter of the 17th and assuring him he had never received that of the 7th.—I am very glad his Majesty receives well my offer to go to Berwick. I hear nothing from thence but of taking more fugitives, which Sir. W. Wheler has done. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 56.]

Oct. 21. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Letters from Genoa of the 7th say that after the departure of the French galleys from that place on the 3rd the men-of-war, being eleven, cruised off Origla (? Oneglia), where a sloop with several officers came ashore, who report that they expect thirty men-of-war from Toulon to join them, on whose arrival they were to attack Genoa. We believe there is some truth in the story, for 'tis said that the Spanish Ambassador here has presented a memorial to his Majesty desiring on behalf of the Genoese that he would be a mediator with the French King for them, since nothing less than their sending their Doge with three or four of their chief Senators to ask the French King's pardon for the injuries done him by that state will save the town and the Genoese seem not willing to comply with such hard conditions.

Our *Gazette* says that by letters from Vienna of the 12th there was an account brought by an officer on the 9th from the camp before Buda that a general storm was resolved on the 12th in a council of war. This is confirmed as also that the Seraskier, having the benefit of a misty morning, forced the night guards and the advanced guards, though with a great slaughter on both sides, and put 1,000 or 1,200 men into the place and then retired three leagues off, towards whom the Duke of Lorraine advanced and the Seraskier retired in his sight and the Duke lodged in the camp where the Seraskier lay the night before. They have since heard nothing more of him. The siege is carried on by the Elector of Bavaria with a great deal of vigour, who has made his approaches to the foot of the main wall and lodged himself there. In the Seraskier's assault a great many English gentlemen, who served as volunteers under Count Daff (? Taaffe), were wounded and several killed. We hope our next post but one will bring you an account of the taking of this place, for our army cannot lie long before it, there being not only a want of bread in the camp, so that a brown loaf is sold for 2*s.* 6*d.*, but the flux and other distempers continue to rage violently among them. The unskilfulness of the Germans in making their trenches has been the occasion of the death of a great many brave officers.

To-day the Court of Aldermen met to adjust the business of the Orphans' money and have come to these terms, to have a year's interest of what is past added to the principal and to pay the principal without any interest at 6*d.* in the pound yearly till it's paid, that is, those who have 100*l.* in the Chamber's hands to receive every year 50*s.*

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The Duchess of Portsmouth is now in town and received no benefit by the physicians. She is so ill that to-day a letter went to his Majesty to acquaint him with it, so that 'tis believed he will be here before Saturday.

Yesterday Goodman, whom I formerly named to you as Gentleman of the Horse to the Duchess of Cleveland, was seized in her coach by a warrant from the Lord Chief Justice and committed to Newgate for having a design to poison the Duke of Grafton and some other lords by the help of an Italian, who, it seems, discovered him to the Earl of Sunderland.

His Majesty has knighted Dr. Short and Dr. Witherly. The 18th the *Phœnix* sailed for Spithead. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 107.]

Oct. 22. Receipt by Sarah Slater to Mathew Blucke for 30*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 57.]

Oct. 23. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. No foreign post is come in since Monday last, so little can be expected from abroad, but by letters of the 13th from Venice we are advised that the Venetian Armada, having landed near Prevesa and put that province for some miles under contribution, embarked their soldiers again and went to Suda and brought thence a great booty, where they received advice that 27 Turks galleys and 10 ships, which they were to convoy, were at sea, on which they stood after them in hopes to meet them. The Turks live in great fear in Candia, for of 5,000 Turks they expected 900 only were arrived there.

From Dalmatia we are told that by the watchfulness of the Cossacks no succours can get into Castel Novo, where a Christian woman captive there had a design to fire the ammunition but, being taken by the Turks, they took off her hands and legs and left her body to be eaten by the dogs on the dunghill.

This morning came a French post, which brings a more exact account of the attack made by the Seraskier Bassaw on the 13th and adds that several deserters came into the camp and declare that, if no relief come in eight days, the soldiers and inhabitants were resolved to sally out and make the best of their way. They confirm that a thousand men got into the place, notwithstanding which success the Duke of Lorraine was resolved to carry the place or lay his bones before it.

This being the first day of term all that passed remarkable is as follows. A *Habeas corpus* was moved for by the Attorney General to bring up Mr. Rosewell to plead to his indictment to-morrow, another to bring up Mr. Mongomery from Newgate and another to bring up Mr. Best from Hertford gaol, all granted. A motion made to bring up Mr. Goodman by rule to-morrow was granted. Justice Baily and Mr. Haviland being bound to appear and their appearance entered but two informations being against

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them for kidnapping, to which they pleaded Not guilty, they stand still on their recognizances. One Hastings on the same account stands also. Mr. Forster, a Justice of Cumberland, appeared as bound. An information was ordered against him for keeping conventicles in his house, for not receiving the Sacrament in two years and a half and for not baptizing his children. Justice Coole of Lancashire, bound to appear for not doing his duty in suppressing conventicles, by reason of his age appeared by his attorney. A tipstaff is granted against the Mayor and Bailiffs of Berwick for not obeying a *Habeas corpus*. Sir Peter Vandeput and Sir William Gosling this day took the oaths at the King's Bench. About 3 this afternoon his Majesty came to town. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 108.]

Oct. 24. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of the Girdlers' Company of London praying that, having surrendered their franchises, they may have a regrant thereof with such additions, alterations and restrictions as his Majesty shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 31.]

Oct. 24. Whitehall. Warrant to Mr. Browne, Clerk of the House of Lords, for the delivery to Charles Hanses of copies of the *Lords' Journals* of 31 Oct. and 29 Nov., 1678, and of such others as relate to the said *Journals*. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 214.]

Oct. 25. William Wright to the Earl of Abingdon. It is now fifteen months and more since I unhappily fell under his Majesty's displeasure and yours. My anxiety ever since you will easily conceive, if you consider that on the event of it not only my own liberty but the support of my family in a great measure depends. My infirmities admonish me that my time is not long in this world and therefore I desire to pass it in a private and retired life. I have resigned all my concerns in Oxford and promise to renounce all public matters whatever. Therefore I beg you to intercede with his Majesty that I may have an end of those troubles which have so long threatened me, for which I shall endeavour to demean myself as becomes a loyal and obedient subject. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 58.]

[Oct. ?] William Wright to the King. Petition for a pardon and for an order to the Attorney General to enter a *Nolle prosequi* on the information against him. Was ever loyal in his intentions, but of late years to his great grief acted with ill-affected persons, whose practices he wholly renounces ; ever was and is a Protestant according to the Church of England and believes the monarchy as now established under his Majesty to be the best of governments ; in the late search for arms at Oxford some seditious papers and pamphlets were found at his house, for which an information is filed against him ; had no ill design in having

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them nor knew they were in his house, they having been bought several years before. [*Ibid. No.* 59.]

Oct. 25. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Duke of Beaufort. I have two letters from you, the last dated the 5th, concerning Leominster, which I received at Newmarket but could not answer before his Majesty came to town. I have now received his pleasure therein and sent by this post such a commission as you proposed, whereof the enclosed is a copy. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 135.]

Oct. 25. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Mr. Tomkins. The Duke of Beaufort having acquainted his Majesty by me of the state of Leominster, he has directed that the enclosed commission should be despatched, till he shall otherwise regulate matters there. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 25. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Col. Widdrington. His Majesty directs me to send you the enclosed warrants for delivering three Scotchmen to you to be carried into Scotland. The warrant for the two in prison at Morpeth must be sent to the Sheriff of the county, who is to give order that they be safely delivered to you. [*Ibid. p.* 137.]

Oct. 25. Whitehall. On the report of the Duke of Ormonde dated 18 Oct., 1684, on the reference to him of Sir Edward Scott's petition calendared *ante, p.* 158, that he knows nothing of any former petition or grant therein mentioned but certifies that the petitioner has long and faithfully served his Majesty and very well deserves any mark of his favour and that he knows no reason why he may not gratify him as by his petition is desired, further reference thereof to the Lords of the Treasury. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 32.]

Oct. 25. Whitehall. Warrant to the Mayor of Berwick for the delivery of —— Muire, brother to the Laird of Rowallan, who fled out of Scotland, being accused there as a rebel, and is now a prisoner in Berwick, to the Lieut.-Governor or other commander-in-chief of the said town to be by him delivered into the custody of the officer appointed by the Privy Council of Scotland to receive him on the Boun road. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 215.]

Oct. 25. Whitehall. Warrant to the High Sheriff of Northumberland and the magistrates of Morpeth for the delivery of —— Henderson, one of the murderers of the late Archbishop of St. Andrews, and —— Ruddell, a rebel and fugitive out of Scotland, now prisoners in Morpeth gaol, to the Lieut.-Governor of Berwick (the rest is to the same effect as the last warrant). [*Ibid.*]

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Oct. 25. Whitehall. Warrant to the Lieut.-Governor of Berwick for receiving the prisoners mentioned in the last two warrants and for delivering them at the Boun road to the officer appointed by the Privy Council of Scotland to receive them. [*Ibid. p.* 216.]

Oct. 25. Whitehall. Commission, after reciting that the government of the borough of Leominster is devolved into the King's hands, because the corporation did not choose their officers on the day appointed by the charter, and that certain tolls and profits from the fairs and markets will be lost unless some provision be made for the collecting thereof till the said town be given a new charter, to the Duke of Beaufort to be High Steward of the said town and to John Tomkins, William Baylis, Edward Hay, John Steed, Town Clerk, and Umphrey Lawrence to be commissioners for collecting the tolls and profits of the said fairs and markets. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 25. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. An information having been brought against Mr. Williams, the late Speaker, for licensing Dangerfield's *Narrative*, he has pleaded specially to it, saying for what he did in Parliament he was not accountable to answer before the Court of King's Bench, so that it will be argued by the judges.

The King, the Duke and the whole Court came to town on Thursday, all in very good health.

At Westminster Mr. Monday, counsel for Mr. Hayes, a linen-draper, moved that his prayer might be entered according to the *Habeas Corpus* Act, that in two terms a prisoner is to be tried or bailed, and the same was granted.

Stephen Knowles, one of the late witnesses for Lady Ivy, was yesterday brought to Westminster to plead to an information of perjury and pleaded Not guilty. Mr. Goodman was brought by rule and desired to be bailed. The Lord Chief Justice recited to the Court that this Goodman was first a player, that there was an accusation against him for a capital offence, that he corrupting the prosecutor he unswore it again, on which the grand jury found the bill *Ignoramus*, and that since a man swore before his lordship that Goodman had hired him to poison the Duke of Grafton and not only him but the Duke of Northumberland. Goodman had five or six there to bail him, one of whom made oath that he was worth 1,000*l.*, but the rest would not, for which and other reasons the Court remanded him to the King's Bench prison. Longford, a vintner at the Greyhound over against Arundel Buildings, was yesterday committed for concealing some who threw squibs into gentlemen's coaches, when the Lord Chief Justice himself happening to come by and demanded the vintner to bring him, also giving an impudent answer; the Court commanded that order be made against throwing squibs on the Lord Mayor's Day, the 5 Nov., and the Queen's birthday for the great mischief that

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has been done thereby already. There was a *Habeas corpus* to bring up Nathaniel Thompson, the printer, from Newgate, who is there for printing some Popish books into English.

Holland letters advise us that a courier arrived at Vienna with letters from the camp before Buda of the 12th which say that the general storm is put off till the 15th, it being so long before the mines undertaken by the French engineer can be sprung. There are three of them and by pipes conveyed to each other they will all take fire at the springing of the first. The Duke of Lorraine is indisposed and the Prince of Baden is sent to supply his place.

Mr. Rosewell was this day brought to the King's Bench bar by *Habeas corpus*, where an indictment for high treason was read to him. (For what passed see *State Trials, Vol. X, cols.* 150–154.) [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 109.]

Oct. 27. Chesterton. The Earl of Abingdon to Lord [Sunderland]. Requesting him to procure his Majesty's approbation of the gentlemen whose names are enclosed as Deputy Lieutenants. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 60.]

Oct. 27. Welbeck. The Duke of Newcastle to Lord [Sunderland]. Enclosing two letters.—Sir W. Wheler has been most industrious in his Majesty's service and I entreat you to represent this difference between the Mayor of Berwick and him in his favour. Truly I conceive if his Majesty protects not his officers that have no other end than performing their duty, his service will not succeed. [*Ibid. No.* 61.] *Enclosed,*

Sir W. Wheler to the Duke of Newcastle. (To the same effect and almost in the same words as his letter of the same date to Lord Sunderland, calendared ante, p. 178.) 1684, *Oct.* 20. *Berwick.* [*Ibid. No.* 61 I.]

William Fenwick, Mayor, and three others to the Duke of Newcastle. In all differences betwixt this garrison and town we ought in the first place to represent the same to you, first as being a member of this ancient but now decayed corporation and then as Governor of the same. The former experiences of your generous disposition make us confident to address ourselves to you in a late matter betwixt us and the garrison, which was thus. On Monday gone eight days we had our quarter sessions, where all the inhabitants in this town and the liberties thereof are to appear half yearly, where were present Capt. Birch, the then Deputy Governor, and most of the officers of the garrison, when it was objected that divers living in the out bounds or fields of this borough were Scotchmen and were fled from thence and lurked here. We ordered that such persons as were suspected should appear, who came, except one old man, and answered what could be laid to their charge, amongst whom James Cowan, mentioned in the late Scotch proclamation, was excepted against, whereupon he was

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committed to gaol as being one of the roll and continued till last Monday, when our adjournment was. After we had re-adjourned till Monday next and were coming from the Town Hall, Sir William Wheler, then Deputy Governor, and Capt. Birch desired us to walk up to Capt. Birch's chamber, where Sir William desired to know what we had done with Cowan. We told him that, notwithstanding there was no information against him that he was the man mentioned in the said roll nor could it be proved against him, we designed to take sufficient bond for his appearance within 48 hours, when required. Sir William demanded whether we would deliver him up if the Council of Scotland sent for him. It was answered we could not know safely how to do that, but that he should rather be kept in prison. Sir William desired he might come before us and the officers to be examined, whereupon he was brought and interrogated. Sir William asked he might be delivered to him. The man offered to go to Edinburgh to answer what should be objected against him, for he had formerly been in prison there. All this would not satisfy Sir William, but in a passion he rose up before all the company, took the prisoner by the shoulder and commanded Lieut. Fielding to take him into custody and secure him and would not let our officer take him back to our gaol, saying he would answer to the King and Council for what he had done. We lay this matter before you, it being of a higher nature than we can consider. We have had many affronts done by the garrison to our inferior officers. 1684, *Oct.* 22. *Berwick.* [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 61 II.]

Oct. 27. Fowberry. Col. William Strother to James Howard, High Sheriff of Northumberland. I sent to your gaol Andrew Riddell and John Henderson for not having a pass and for refusing the oath of allegiance. Both are now willing to take it and having no further notice from the Council of Scotland for remanding them they ought to be set at liberty by taking the oath. I desire you would command one of your bailiffs to convey them to Richard Neile or Patrick Crow that they might take the oath before them and then set them at liberty. The pass the bearer has in behalf of Henderson came to me last week from Sir George Mackenzie, the King's Advocate. [*Ibid. No.* 62.]

Oct. 27. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Michael Levy praying a discharge to him and William Plumb of some misdemeanours committed by them that have tended to his Majesty's loss in his seizures on their making satisfaction to the Privy Purse for the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 33.]

Oct. 27. Whitehall. Warrant to Lord Dartmouth, Master General of the Ordnance, for delivering out of the stores of the Ordnance Office to the

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powder-makers now employed under contract with the said office such quantities of brimstone as he shall judge necessary to enable them to perform their contracts till they can be supplied by the importation thereof, there being at present a great scarcity thereof in England, taking sufficient security from each powder-maker that shall so receive any brimstone to redeliver such proportion of brimstone in specie of such goodness and in such time as shall be agreed on or else to pay for the same at the most marketable price that can be had, and also taking sufficient security that they shall not dispose of any such brimstone but wholly reserve the same for making powder for the King's service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 127.]

Oct. 28. Chesterton. The Earl of Abingdon to Lord [Sunderland]. Being often importuned by Mr. Wright, late Alderman of Oxford, to intercede for some favour from his Majesty in regard of his service in the city's submission of their charter, I told him I would not intermeddle unless he would take away all suspicion of his opposing the King's interest by a surrender of all his places and freedom in the city, which he readily did and offered to do anything else required for his Majesty's satisfaction. As I think it would be more for his Majesty's interest to grant him a *Nolle prosequi* on this submission than to proceed on the information now depending, I could not do less than lay it before you. I wholly submit his pardon or prosecution to his Majesty's pleasure. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 63.]

Oct. 28. Badminton. The Duke of Beaufort to the Earl of Sunderland. I return you many thanks for your favour in the so speedy despatch of the affair of Leominster. I beg you will add that of letting Lord Godolphin know the King's intention of restoring to the town the profits of the fairs and tolls, etc., for the reasons in my former letter. The reason I mention it is, because I am informed that a petition of Capt. Cornwall's asking them of the King for his life is referred to the Lords of the Treasury. I had an application from a very deserving man that contributed very much to the thing and deserved it, if it were fit to come to a private hand, more than any other for that as well as past services both to the late King and this, but I satisfied him it would be so great a disservice to his Majesty and discouragement to his servants that he desisted. I depend on your stopping any such thing anywhere because you cannot but be convinced of the prejudice it would be to the King's interest not only at Leominster but everywhere else. [2 *pages. Ibid. No.* 64.]

Oct. 28. Grimsthorpe. The Earl of Lindsey to Lord [Sunderland]. The city of Lincoln, who have sent up the surrender of their charter, have desired me to accept of being their Recorder with his Majesty's approbation. It being the metropolis of this county I could not with civility

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refuse. Therefore I beg you to represent to his Majesty that, unless he has some other in his eye that can do him more service in that city, I hope he will gratify their desires with his approbation of me. [*Ibid. No.* 65.]

Oct. 28. Whitehall. Reference to the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant, of the petition of James Clarke, representing that, being Constable of Dublin Castle, he has on the present establishment an allowance of 20*l. per annum* and lodgings in the Castle, of which lodgings he is now deprived, the same being used by the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Governor's lodgings being burnt down, and praying an additional allowance of 100*l. per annum* out of such pensions on the establishment as are fallen, or the first that shall fall. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 31.]

Oct. 28. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the late Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Macclesfield for a new charter with some additions, they having surrendered their former charter. [*Ibid. p.* 33.]

Oct. 28. Like reference of the petition of the Alderman and Burgesses of Grantham for a regrant of their charter on their surrender. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 28. Whitehall. Grant of a yearly pension of 120*l.* during pleasure to Blague Yarburgh, page of honour to the Queen, to commence from Midsummer last. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 217.]

Oct. 29. London. —— to Lord [Sunderland]. I never knew the Whigs in London so wary in managing their discourses and of their company. If three or four be together on the Exchange talking of news or what each has to communicate, if two more of their own party join them, part of the rest walk away, how desirous soever they are to hear the discourse, for they choose to ask it of some that stay and walk singly again.

They yet say little of Rosewell's case, because he is only arraigned and has till 18 Nov. given for his trial.

Mr. Thompson's commitment is on the stage. They say it's a wonder he should be committed for printing Popish books and that the Whiggish books he has printed give the greatest offence and, it appearing that he is a mercenary fellow for any side that pays him well, the Popish books, being directly against the laws, will be made use of to punish him.

But in general all the Dissenters lie so under the lash of the penal statutes that it restrains them of taking the liberty as formerly in discourse.

I observe that a great number outwardly good Church of England men having little in them of preciseness, at this juncture

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speak more plainly and resolutely against the government than the Dissenters. There is a mighty party that seem to espouse the cause of the late Earl of Essex, Lord Russell, etc., which in all appearance will never be reconciled, unless the Duke of York and the Duchess of Portsmouth should die. They put the Duchess in because they hear of her being sick. Then they say there might be happy days under the present King, but never as long as either of those live.

When they talk of a parliament, they say the Court and great ones dare not look a parliament in the face; therefore they expect none till some great change happen amongst them. They talk much how things begin to work for their interest amongst foreign princes and of a Protestant association on foot, from which and the Turkish successes they believe the affairs of Christendom will suddenly come to have a new face. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 66.]

Oct. 29. Rayleigh in Essex. Francis Grigg to Sir Joseph Williamson. Thanking him for the great civilities he met with at Cobham Hall.—Having spent a few days in Essex and observing a great many labouring under an obstinate ague and a violent fever, which prevail far more here than on the Kentish side, I begin to be much concerned for my own safety. In order to a seasonable prevention, I am forced again to desire your assistance as to obtaining a preferment in a clean, wholesome air. I should be mighty glad to hear of some encouragement on my return that I may know how to dispose of myself this winter. I really apprehend myself in great danger of forfeiting my health by continuing in so aguish, unhealthy and destructive an air. My unsettled way of living is very uneasy. [*Ibid. No.* 67.]

Oct. 29. Berwick. Sir William Wheler to the Earl of Sunderland. In Col. Widdrington's absence I have opened your letters and find his Majesty's orders for delivering Muire, Henderson and Ruddel to such officers as shall be sent from Scotland to receive them. This, I suppose, is Patrick More whom with James Cawen, James Reston, the elder, James Reston, the younger, and George Turnbul I seized and yesterday delivered into the custody of Sir Mark Cars, sent by the Council of Scotland to the Borders for them. I shall likewise deliver Henderson and Ruddel as soon as I can get them. [*Ibid. No.* 68.]

Oct. 29. Richard Neile to James Howard, High Sheriff of Northumberland, or Christopher Hodsham, his gaoler in Morpeth. Ordering the release of Andrew Riddell and John Henderson, now in their custody for refusing the oath of allegiance, they having now brought certificates of their loyalty from the King's Advocate and having taken the said oath, provided they are in gaol for the said cause and no other. [*Ibid. No.* 69.]

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Oct. 29. Whitehall. Grant of a yearly pension of 200*l.* during pleasure to Mary Thornehill, maid of honour to the Queen, payable quarterly, to commence from Lady Day last. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 217.]

Oct. 30. —— to ——. Being to-day with some of my correspondents, we were discoursing about the fortifications of England and amongst them Plymouth and Portsmouth as the chiefest in the kingdom and the places chiefly aimed at by their party. As for Plymouth, they say they know how every stone in the mole is laid and of the fortifications and can with ease throw it down and they have friends enough in the town and some in the castle too, who are little suspected, for some of the best there are their friends.

Likewise for Portsmouth they say they know how every stone is laid and question not to be masters of that in a short time, whenever they take it in hand, but they count Plymouth the more considerable place for their purpose, therefore that must be the first. Of Litsherd (? Liskeard) and Miniard in Cornwall they are assured, if it were to-morrow, besides many towns in the West, where they are sure of both the inhabitants and towns.

They say that surveyors and engineers have been at those places on purpose to survey the works and situation and where it may be best either for mining or planting their cannon and granadoes, and that these people have been in most places in England to take a survey of them. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 70.]

Oct. 30. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Burgesses of Kingston-on-Hull submitting themselves to his Majesty's pleasure and praying him to continue their former charters with such regulations as he shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 34.]

Oct. 30. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Corporation of Carlisle for a regrant of their privileges, which they have surrendered, with such reservations as his Majesty shall think fit, and for a grant that the six senior Aldermen may be Justices and of a fair for three days to begin yearly on the first Wednesday in June. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 30. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Nothing of moment passed yesterday at the King's Bench bar, but a great many private motions. Sir James Smith, the new Lord Mayor, came to the Exchequer bar in great splendour, where he was sworn, after which the Recorder invited the Barons to dine with his lordship and afterwards went to the King's Bench and Common Pleas and invited the judges and principal officers of both courts.

A ketch belonging to Weybridge laden from London was

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driven into Harwich last Sunday from off Lowestoft, where she was at anchor but, a terrible storm arising the Saturday morning, was forced to cut and bore for Yarmouth, but met such a terrible tempest that a thunderbolt broke his topmast and mainyard in pieces, shattered the stern of his boat on the deck, tore up the ringbolt the boat was fastened to, tore all his bulkhead to pieces, started above twenty trennels and at last broke out of the larboard side, where it broke a great hole through. He is now at Harwich ashore to be repaired, where thanksgiving was that day at the church for their deliverance.

The account from the camp before Buda of the 13th does not agree with the printed relations either of Holland or Flanders, for from the camp they say there is a great scarcity there, that the general storm cannot be made till the forces of the Elector of Bavaria and the Emperor arrive, and that provisions both for horse and man are very scarce, though we have the Danube for our friend. What want of men there is in the camp you may judge, for several regiments which consisted of 800, 700 and 650 each are now reduced to 150, 70 and 60. A violent storm broke the bridge over the Danube so that four days together there was no bread in the camp. This with the extremity of the weather and the sickness which rages among us makes us fear that, if we have not a very powerful and speedy supply, we must be forced to raise the siege. But from Vienna we have an account that the besieged made several sallies, but with great loss, many of them being killed and some taken prisoners, who, being examined, all agree that there is great dissension amongst the besieged and that they are in great want, camel flesh being sold for 16 stivers a *lb.* and horse flesh for 22. This account, 'tis said, makes the Duke of Lorraine defer the general storm, hoping to have it by surrender for want of food.

The remarkable case between Dr. Pinfold and Mr. Kidd was this day argued at Westminster. The action was brought on a bond given by Kidd to Pinfold as Official of Doctors' Commons for Nonconformity. Kidd urged by his counsel, Mr. Rotherham, that Pinfold had no power to take a bond and Pollexfen for Pinfold that he had. The Court gave judgment positively that the bond was good and Pinfold had power to take it. A *Habeas corpus* was obtained to bring up Nicholls and Dolby, who, 'tis said, were Dr. Oates' servants. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 110.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Warrant, after reciting that by an inquisition taken at Aylsham, Norfolk, 23 Sept. last, it was found that a grant to Samuel Vincent of power to enclose certain ways, one leading from Buckenham House towards Stanford and another from the same house towards Watton in Norfolk will be of no prejudice to the Crown or others, so as he make other ways of the same length and breadth in his grounds as convenient, and also to enclose

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another highway from Langford through a close of his in the said parish of Buckenham towards Docking's Farm in Stanford, for a grant to the said Vincent and his heirs of power to enclose the said ways according to the said inquisition. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 67.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of Nathan Heckford of Halstead, Essex, draper, for a patent for fourteen years for making and using mills and engines with horizontal vanes or sails. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 34.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Corporation of Newcastle-under-Lyme for a regrant of their franchises, which they had surrendered, in the same terms as on the petitions of other towns. [*Ibid. p.* 35.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Declaration on the report of the Lords of the Treasury on John Nevill's petition calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1327, of his Majesty's pleasure that he should have the same allowance for the time he served as Consul at Algiers as other Consuls there had and that he should be also paid the annexed bill of disbursements also calendared (*ibid. p.* 1159). [*Ibid. p.* 36.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to search for —— Hepbourne, who is accused of several treasonable and dangerous practices, and to seize him and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland to be examined concerning the premises. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 218.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of denization to Edward Hervy, son of Samuel Hervy, merchant, born to him in the West Indies, where he resided for some years. [*Ibid.*]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant during pleasure (on the surrender of letters patent dated 4 Jan., 1660–1, constituting Col. Thomas Daniell, now Sir Thomas Daniell, captain of the green bulwark of Arcliffe at Dover and of the bulwark on the pier there) to William Chapman of the office of captain of the said bulwark with power to have under him at his nomination four gunners and two soldiers for the defence of the said bulwark with the wages of 16*d. per diem* for himself and 8*d. per diem* for each of the said gunners and soldiers, payable half-yearly, to commence from Michaelmas last. [*Ibid. p.* 220.]

Oct. 31. Warrant to Edward Griffin, Treasurer of the Chamber, after reciting that the ancient wages of a messenger is 49*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* and that Ralph Young is sworn and admitted a messenger on the surrender of William Smyth, yet cannot receive his

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wages on the cheque roll, the rest of the messengers having procured warrants for payment of their wages; for payment during pleasure to the said Ralph Young of 49*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* by equal quarterly payments, the first payment to commence from Michaelmas, 1682. [*Ibid. p.* 221.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. The King to the Elector of Brandenburgh. Recommending to his favour Sir George Drummond, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, who is owed a considerable sum by Robert Walker, merchant of Koningsberg, for which he is going to be sued by William Gray, merchant of that place, the said Drummond's agent. [*Latin. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 4.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of the rents and duties of the archbishopric and priory of St. Andrews to Arthur, late Archbishop of Glasgow, now Archbishop of St. Andrews, free from the provision of the building of the cathedral of St. Andrews. [*Nearly* 3 *pages. Docquet. Ibid. p.* 6.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Warrant to the Bishops of Edinburgh, Dunkeld, Ross, Dunblane and Brechin to translate the Archbishop of Glasgow from that see and to install him Archbishop of St. Andrews. [*Ibid. p.* 8.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Warrant for a gift of a yearly pension of 100*l.* sterling to Mrs. Christian Scott to be paid at Whitsunday and Mertinmes by equal portions, the first payment to be at Mertinmes next. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 9.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Warrant for a presentation of John Foulartoune, minister at Dinnet in Caithness, to be minister of St. Ninian's in the diocese of Edinburgh. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 10.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Warrants for protections in the ordinary form to Alexander Gordon of Abergeldie and to David Fife, late a soldier in the Earl of Dunbarton's regiment, for two years respectively. [*Docquet. Ibid. pp.* 10, 11.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for empowering the Commissioners of the Revenue in Ireland to pay all salaries allowed with the approbation of the Lord Lieutenant to any officers employed by them about the management of the said revenue and also all other charges and expenses about the same. [*Nearly* 2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 339.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that the King's house at Chapel Izod has been for part of the year used for the residence of the Chief Governor of Ireland, but that it is so little as not to be fit or convenient for their habitation

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without some addition; for laying out any sum not exceeding 1,093*l.* 15*s.*, according to the estimate sent to the King by him, out of the revenue of Ireland in making an additional building to the said house as he shall think fit. [*Ibid. p.* 340.]

[1684, Oct. ?] Memorandum that John Wiltshire and Cardell Goodman were to be found at Mr. Robert Shotterill's house in Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 71.]

Nov. 1. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Abingdon. I have received yours of the 27th and have moved his Majesty concerning the gentlemen you recommend to be Deputy Lieutenants of Oxfordshire and, he approving of them, I enclose his pleasure in that behalf. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 137.]

Nov. 1. Whitehall. Royal approbation of Sir Fairemeadow Penyston, Sir Edward Read, Sir Robert Dashwood, Thomas Win, Humphrey Wickham and Edmund Warcupp to be Deputy Lieutenants of Oxfordshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 128.]

Nov. 1. Whitehall. Commissions to Major Archibald Dowglas to be lieut.-colonel and captain of a company, to Capt. Robert Dowglas to be major and captain of a company, to Robert Halkett to be captain of the company whereof Sir James Halkett, deceased, was captain and to John Lundy to be ensign to Capt. James Moncrief, all in the Royal Regiment of Foot. Minutes. [*Ibid. p.* 130.]

Nov. 1. Whitehall. Commission to Druell Leake to be lieutenant to Col. Thomas Stradling's company in the first regiment of Foot Guards. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 132.]

Nov. 1. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to search for John Philips, against whom information has been given that he has written, published or dispersed several seditious and dangerous pamphlets and libels, and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland to be examined touching the premises. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 219.]

Nov. 1. Whitehall. Warrant for a patent creating George, Marquess of Huntly, Duke of Gordon, Marquess of Huntly, etc., with remainder to the heirs male of his body. [*Over* 3 *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 12.]

Nov. 2. Morpeth. James Howard to the Earl of Sunderland. I received his Majesty's order from Berwick on 30 Oct. to deliver to the chief officer of Berwick Henderson and Riddell, prisoners in the gaol for Northumberland, but on the 29th they were discharged by a liberat from Justice Richard Neile, Col. Strother having writ to

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him and me that he had received a certificate from Sir George Mackenzie that they were well affected to the government. Since I received his Majesty's commands, I sent a copy of the order to Col. Strother, by whose means and my own I hope they may be apprehended. If so, they shall be delivered according to the said order. I beseech, if I am hereafter to receive his Majesty's commands, they may be sent me at Morpeth, for that way they come two days sooner to me than at Berwick. *S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 72.]

Nov. 2. Berwick. Sir William Wheler to Lord [Sunderland]. In my last I acquainted you with the receipt of his Majesty's orders and how that I had before sent Patrick Muire and four other prisoners to Scotland. I acquainted the Duke of Newcastle with the particulars, who tells me he has sent you my letter, so I need not trouble you more with it. Immediately on receipt of these orders I sent the High Sheriff that directed to him and to-day Col. Strother sent me Andrew Riddell, whom I shall deliver when the Council of Scotland send for him. I am informed Henderson is discharged and I believe those I seized had been discharged also, if I had not done as I did. [*Ibid. No.* 73.]

Nov. 3. Roger L'Estrange to the Earl of Sunderland. Being informed by Mr. Atterbury that one Philips is taken up by your warrant, without conjecturing the cause of his commitment I inform you that he has been very privy to the contrivance of several narratives, which may enable him to make great discoveries. Lest this should escape your knowledge I offer to your consideration the following queries :—1. What narratives or papers about the plot he has at any time written and for whom. 2. Who furnished the materials. 3. Who made any alterations or corrections in them. 4. Who paid him and how much respectively for such and such particulars. [*Ibid. No.* 74.]

Nov. 3. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Attorney General. His Majesty, being informed that the corporation of Hedon is poor, would have their new charter pass without fees. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 140.]

Nov. 3. Whitehall. Warrant for the restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of Rochester to Thomas Spratt, D.D., he being duly consecrated bishop of that see. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 96.]

Nov. 3. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petitions of the corporations of Preston, Wigan, Lincoln, Leicester and Newcastle-on-Tyne for regrants with some alterations of their respective charters, which they have surrendered. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *pp.* 35, 37, 45.]

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Nov. 3. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Richard Hughes, late muster-master at Tangier, praying that having been discontinued in his employment since his return he may be continued in it. [*Ibid. p.* 38.]

Nov. 3. Whitehall. Warrant to the Attorney General, after reciting that David Power, chirurgeon, having been convicted of recusancy, was 20 Sept., 1682, arrested by the Under-Sheriff of Middlesex and put into Newgate for 220*l.*, being for 20*l.* a month due on the statute for 11 months, and was some time after removed to the King's Bench prison, where he continues close prisoner for the same debt, which he is unable to pay; for forthwith causing satisfaction to be acknowledged on record of the said judgment for the said 220*l.*, which the King is pleased to remit to him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 219.]

Nov. 3. Whitehall. Warrant, after reciting that the King is informed by the petition of the East India Company that John Petit, George Bourchier, Simon Cracroft and Edward Littleton were formerly sent by them to the East Indies as their servants under oath and security for their fidelity, that notwithstanding they have for several years manifestly injured the said Company in their trade there, endeavouring by many indirect means to lessen their reputation with the native kings and governors of India and to break the articles and contracts made by the Company with some of them, making others for the protection of interlopers and labouring by all means to promote their trade and interest and to lessen that of the Company, and also that the said Petit is notoriously suspected to have been an encourager and adviser of the late rebellion at Bombay; for a privy seal requiring each of the said four persons, within fourteen days after the King's pleasure shall have been signified to them, to come for England to answer the premises and such other matters as shall by the said Company be objected against them. [*Ibid. p.* 220.]

Nov. 3. Whitehall. Warrant to the Clerks of the House of Lords and the House of Commons to permit Dr. Samuel Parker, chaplain in ordinary, to have the sight of the journals, records and papers in their respective custodies and to have copies of such of them as he shall think necessary for the King's service. [*Ibid. p.* 222.]

Nov. 3. Whitehall. Warrant for a patent creating William, Marquess of Queensberry, Duke of Queensberry, Marquess of Dumfriesshire, etc., with remainder to the heirs male of his body. [*Over* 3 *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 15.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Warrant for a *congé d'élire* to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester for electing a bishop to that see void by the death of Dr. George Morley, the late bishop, with a letter recommending

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Dr. Peter Mew, Bishop of Bath and Wells, for election. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 165.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Warrant for the presentation of John Saumares, D.D., Dean of Guernsey, to be rector of Haseley, Oxfordshire, void by the promotion of Francis Turner, D.D., to the bishopric of Ely. [*Ibid. p.* 166.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Bishop of Bath and Wells. The King having nominated you to succeed the late Bishop of Winchester, I would not omit advising you thereof by the first opportunity and letting you know the particular satisfaction I have in it. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 137.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Abingdon. His Majesty, having considered what you represented in yours of the 28th concerning Mr. Wright of Oxford, does not think fit to have a *Nolle prosequi* entered, but at your interposition he has ordered the Attorney General to stop all further proceedings for the present. [*Ibid. p.* 138.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Duke of Beaufort. I have acquainted his Majesty with yours of the 28th concerning the apprehensions of the inhabitants of Leominster lest the profits of their fairs and markets should be granted away from them. He has no such intent, as well knowing the prejudice it might be to his service, and therefore he would have you signify as much to them. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Duke of Newcastle. I have acquainted his Majesty with your letter of the 27th with two enclosed from Sir William Wheeler and the Corporation of Berwick. He is very well satisfied with Sir William's proceedings and you may be sure he will always countenance and protect his officers in what they do for his service, which I have also let Sir William know. [*Ibid. p.* 139.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir William Wheeler. (The purport appears from the last letter.) [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Grant to Thomas Cave, D.D., chaplain in ordinary to the King, of a canonry or prebend of Windsor, void by the death of —— Rosewell, late prebendary there. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 97.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. The King to the Provost and Fellows of Eton College. Signifying his pleasure that they admit Theobald Churchill, M.A., to the fellowship now void in that college by the death of —— Rosewell, late Fellow there. [*Ibid.*]

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Nov. 4. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Corporation of Hedon, Yorkshire, for a regrant with some alterations of their charter, which they have surrendered. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 37.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Claudius, Earl of Abercorn, showing that some time since royal letters were granted for passing a patent to him of the remainder of part of his grandfather's estate in Ireland vested in his Majesty, which patent having passed the *fiat* and *recepi* was stopped by a *caveat* till the Commission of Grace was opened, and praying, in regard there appears no matter of law to hinder it and the patent was presented to be sealed some time before the commission was opened, an order for passing the patent. [*Ibid. p.* 38.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Richard Fagan, son and heir of Christopher Fagan, deceased, and of Anne Fagan, relict and administratrix of the said Christopher. representing that the Earl of Abercorn, son of Lady Strabane, daughter of the said Christopher, was passing a patent of the reversion of the said Christopher's estate, which was stopped in Ireland on opening the Commission of Grace, that the petitioner Richard exhibited his petition to the said Commissioners for the said reversion and was admitted to compound, but that before he could perfect it the said Earl procured his Majesty's letter to stop any grant of the said reversion to any but himself, and praying, in regard the petitioners were not heard nor had any notice while the consideration of the grant was depending and that the passing of it will prove their ruin, that his Majesty will permit the petitioner Richard to pass the said reversion or any other interest his Majesty has in that estate. [*Ibid. p.* 39.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Warrant to John Browne, Clerk of the Parliament, for the delivery to Roger L'Estrange of the minute books and papers of transactions concerning the Popish plot that passed before the late secret committees of Lords, taking a receipt for the same, to the end that a true account be given of the same without losing or embezzling any of the said books or papers. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 223.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Warrant for a patent for fourteen years to Nathan Heckford of Halsted, Essex, draper, for his invention, whereas the usual way of windmills going with vertical sails is chargeable and very incommodious, of sails or vanes to go the horizontal way, serving for windmills, horse-mills and water-mills and for several sorts of engines for draining lands and mines and many other uses at cheaper rates than ever. [*Ibid.*]

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Nov. 4. Whitehall. Warrant to Col. John Strode, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, to admit and swear Edward Sudell to be a gunner in Dover Castle in the place of William Wooley, deceased. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 359, *p.* 187.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland. I received some time since your letter in answer to his Majesty's of 4 Aug., concerning the stopping a grant of the remainder of certain lands in Ireland to the Earl of Abercorn. When I acquainted his Majesty with your account of that affair he approved thereof and, the said Earl having since made further application that his grant may pass, his Majesty has referred the matter to the Lords of the Treasury here. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 36.]

Nov. 5. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Gabriel Armiger, a Justice for Norfolk, for a grant of 200*l.*, the fine imposed on William Carr of Southfreake in the same county, found guilty of scandalous words spoken of the petitioner. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 41.]

Nov. 6. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Duke of Newcastle. I have moved his Majesty in favour of Mr. Bawdes whom you recommend to be Town Clerk of Nottingham. He is very well satisfied with your character of him and has ordered the matter to be despatched. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 140.]

Nov. 6. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord High Chamberlain. I have received yours of the 28th and, having acquainted his Majesty with the desire of the city of Lincoln to have you to be their Recorder, he approves very well thereof. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 6. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Bishop of Oxford. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure to have John Locke removed from being a student of Christ Church. (Printed in Lord King, *Life of John Locke, Vol. I, p.* 278.) [*Ibid. p.* 141.]

Nov. 6. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury, his Majesty being disposed to gratify the petitioners, of the petition of John Evelyn, executor, and Mary his wife, daughter and heiress of Sir Richard Browne, deceased, showing that there is due to the said Sir Richard for his expenses and allowances while Resident in France 11,846*l.*, that Mr. Pretiman, receiver of first fruits and tenths and indebted to his Majesty in very considerable sums, prosecuted the said Sir Richard in his life time and continues the same prosecution against the petitioners for 4,181*l.* 17*s.* with thirty years' interest, being money remitted by him to Sir Richard into France for his Majesty's service, and that they are at great charge in defending themselves at law, which will soon be their

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ruin, and therefore praying a grant of an enstallment on the said Pretiman's debt to his Majesty, which they are willing to accept as so much paid on account of the sum owing to them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 39.]

Nov. 6. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of the Governors, Stewards and brethren of the Fraternity of Hoastmen in Newcastle-on-Tyne representing that, having been incorporated by Queen Elizabeth, they are informed that the town of Newcastle will on renewing their charter endeavour to have some clauses inserted for subjecting the petitioners to them or otherwise prejudicial to them and therefore praying to be heard before any such charter pass. [*Ibid. p.* 40.]

Nov. 6. Whitehall. On the report dated 30 Oct. of the Attorney General on the reference to him of the petition of the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter of Chichester that by former charters the Mayors of Chichester are excluded from all jurisdiction in civil causes and by an order in Council in 1636 the charter was directed to be surrendered and the church and close to be left out of the city and to be in the county at large and that, because disputes frequently arise between the churchmen and the citizens, he conceives the best way for preserving peace between them for the future will be that it be expressly declared by a proviso in the new charter that the Mayor and Justices shall not exercise any jurisdiction within the close but that it shall be as to all matters of jurisdiction within the county at large, approval thereof and direction to the Attorney General to take care that in the new charter such a proviso be inserted as is proposed by him. [*Ibid. p.* 41.]

Nov. 6. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Letters from Plymouth of the 2nd bring an account that the Mayor of Liskeard and his brethren, having notice that the Earl of Bath was there, waited on him and delivered their charters to him, requesting directions what they should do. At the same time the Mayors of Looe, Grampound and Tregoney did the same. His lordship returned their charters and bade them act according to them till further orders. This has been so great a satisfaction to them that 'tis believed all the other corporations in Cornwall will follow their examples. The Earl of Bath's reception at Plymouth is very extraordinary, the Mayor and Aldermen waiting on him to all places.

There was a motion yesterday concerning Mr. Weston, the minister of the Minories, alleging that, he being a vigorous prosecutor of Dissenters, some persons had libelled him that he was not qualified according to the Church of England, to which he has replied in the Spiritual Court that the Minories church is a chapel royal and that he had a grant by letters patent to be

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minister there but that notwithstanding they still proceed against him in the Spiritual Court, so he prays a prohibition. The Court ordered it should be moved again and in the meantime proceedings to be stopped. Mr. Shoare, Under-Sheriff of Lincoln, appeared in Court, who, being just rising, ordered that he attend again to-day. Then, a messenger coming from the Abbey, the Courts all rose and the judges went thither, where the Bishop of Rochester read prayers and Sill, chaplain to the Bishop of London, preached.

Dover, 4 Nov.—Above 1,000 sail are come into the harbour for safety, besides those that have attempted and were forced away. We daily hear of the misfortune of poor men at sea, ship-wrecked. Yesterday a pink of about 150 tons attempting for our harbour put by the North head and came ashore in the Bay and lost her anchors and cables. She belongs to Sunderland laden with coals, bound for Bordeaux. The next tide, having a great deal of help, they got her off again.

Sir W. Prichard having brought his action against Mr. Papillon for arresting him when he was Lord Mayor, it was this day tried at the Guildhall. The declaration was for 10,000*l.* Keeling, the first discoverer of the late conspiracy, being sworn for Sir W. Prichard, declared that there was a consultation of thirty at Russell's about arresting the Lord Mayor, where, to give his own words, he was prevailed on by the party, Goodenough and Nelthorpe being there, to be made a special officer to arrest Sir W. Prichard for the better carrying on of the horrid design. This being fully proved, the jury withdrew for half an hour and then found for the plaintiff and gave him 10,000*l.* damages. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 111.]

Nov. 6. Whitehall. Renewed and additional instructions for the Mustermaster General in Scotland. 1. You are carefully to muster all our forces when commanded and at every time before they receive their pay or oftener as you shall be required. 2. You shall give such advertisement to the commanding officer of the troops, regiments or companies you are to muster as you shall have orders for and we command our officers to give obedience accordingly. 3. At every muster the commissioned officers are to sign their rolls, whereof you are to give just extracts to the Treasurer Principal and Treasurer Deput and to the commander-in-chief of the forces. 4. You are to keep an exact register of all our forces, bearing every soldier's name and the place where he was born, with the names and designations of his parents, and likewise the colour, height, age and shape of the horses are to be marked down to the end that at the next muster no change to the worse may be admitted, and the captain is hereby commanded to give you early notice of the time when any soldier of his troop or company shall die or be cashiered or get his pass and also to receive none in his or their places till he shall first present him or them to the colonel, he being in the same garrison, and in

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his absence to the commanding officer of the same corps, who is to advertise the colonel, without whose order none is to be taken on or put off, and thereafter such soldiers are to be enrolled in your registers. 5. You are to examine on oath such officers or soldiers as you shall have cause to suspect on account of false musters. 6. You are to give a certificate to the cashkeeper as paymaster of the forces after every muster of the strength of any troop and company and of the day of admission of any new officer or soldier and the said paymaster is to pay them accordingly. 7. You are to take special care that the soldiers under pay be sufficient able men, fit for service, and that the horsemen be well mounted, having able horses of 15*l.* sterling value at the least. 8. You are not to suffer any soldier to pass muster but such as have sufficient arms well fixed and in good order. 9. If any officer shall present at any muster any soldier not sworn to his colours but hired to mislead you and defraud us, you are immediately to suspend him till you shall acquaint the commander-in-chief to the end that he may be tried by a council of war. 10. If any of the officers of our castles shall make any false musters, you are to cause the soldiers who are the false musters to be imprisoned and to acquaint the commander of the said castles that he may give us an account of the officer's fault and punish the soldiers. 11. At every muster you are to cause all persons as are not effective soldiers but hired to make false musters to run the goad-loup (gantlope) before you come off the place of muster and, if they be horsemen or dragoons, you are to seize their horses and arms for your own use and all such persons are to be imprisoned in order to their being further punished. 12. You are to allow no servants to any foot officers but so many as we have given warrant for and such as we have given allowance for to the officers of the troop of Guard and officers of dragoons as contained in the establishment, and you are to allow no servants to be mustered in the other troops of horse but two to a captain and one each to a lieutenant and cornet, which servants are all to appear at musters well mounted and armed. 13. If any soldier shall inform against his officer of a false muster, you are immediately to cause 10 crowns to be paid him if a foot soldier, but if a dragoon 15 and if a horseman 20, out of the pay of the delinquent officers, whom you are to suspend as above and acquaint the commander-in-chief. Besides you are to give the soldier informing his pass to leave the service and the false muster you are to punish as aforesaid. 14. You are at every muster to inform yourself how the soldiers are paid and whether any part of their money be kept up by the officers after the same is paid them by the cashkeeper and, if you discover any such abuses, you are to give an account thereof to the Treasurer. 15. We command all officers to give obedience to these instructions and to all articles of war concerning musters. [*Nearly 4 pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 19.]

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Nov. 6. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Secret Committee of the Privy Council. Sending them the above instructions and recommending the effectual execution thereof to their particular care and authorizing them to add such further instructions as they shall judge most conducible to the service. [*Ibid. p.* 22.]

Nov. 6. Whitehall. Warrant for a presentation of Alexander Mackenzie, late preacher to the regiment of Col. Douglas in Holland, to be minister at the kirk of Dollar in the presbytery of Stirling and diocese of Dunkeld. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 23.]

Nov. 7. Welbeck. The Duke of Newcastle to Lord [Sunderland]. Thanking him for his letter of the 4th.— I am very glad his Majesty is pleased with Sir William Wheler's proceedings and that you write to him. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 75.]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Capt. Robert Newsted showing that, when he was disbanded, his Majesty ordered him half pay, which was continued to him till 1667, and praying, in regard of his age, helpless and indigent condition and great debts, an order for the payment thereof with some small sum in recompense for the time it has been discontinued. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 43.]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. Warrant to Lord Dartmouth, Master General of the Ordnance, for payment of 200*l.* to Anthony Belbin for a brewhouse purchased for some new works at Portsmouth and of 350*l.* to —— Ridge for another brewhouse there purchased for the more convenient accommodation of war stores. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 128.]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the city of Lincoln on the surrender of their charter and for regranting to them the lands and privileges enjoyed by their predecessors, with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein named the first and present members of the city. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 224.] *Annexed,*

The said paper of heads. The name of one of the Common Council men is Originall Lawrence and that of the Town Clerk Originall Peart. [1½ *pages. Ibid.*]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. Warrant to Lord Jermyn, Governor, and the Bayliffs and Jurats of Jersey for a pardon to William Derby, accused of the killing of John Shakelton, and signifying his Majesty's pleasure that there be no further prosecution against him on that account. [*Ibid. p.* 226.]

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Nov. 7. Whitehall. Royal approbation of the election of Thomas Bawdes to be Town Clerk of Nottingham, it being provided by the charter that no Town Clerk shall exercise his office till approved. [*Ibid. p.* 227.]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter for re-incorporating the city of Carlisle on the surrender of their charter and for regranting to them the lands and privileges enjoyed by them or their predecessors, with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein named the first and present members and officers of the city. [*Ibid.*] *Annexed,*

The said paper. [1½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 227.]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter to the borough of Macclesfield on the surrender of their charter and for regranting to them the lands and privileges enjoyed by them or their predecessors, with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein named the first and present members of the borough. [*Ibid. p.* 230.] *Annexed,*

The said paper. One of the heads is that the Corporation have liberty to bring water to the borough from several springs in the commons and waste lands near it, the soil whereof belongs to the Crown. [*Over* 1 *page. Ibid.*]

Nov. 7. Whitehall. Proclamation on the petition of the Cardmakers' Company of London prohibiting the importation of foreign playing cards and ordering the seizure of such as are or shall be imported. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Various* 12, *p.* 430.]

Nov. 8. Chesterton. The Earl of Abingdon to Lord [Sunderland]. This is to acknowledge your favour in the despatch of my Deputy Lieutenants and your account of his Majesty's pleasure in Mr. Wright's business, which I am fully satisfied with, having never designed to interpose therein farther than I thought was for his Majesty's service. As I hope he will be as sensible as myself of his Majesty's favour in stopping further process, so I shall never desire it should be continued to him longer than he shows himself so. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 76.]

Nov. 8. The Bishop of Oxford to Lord [Sunderland]. Concerning the proposed expulsion of John Locke from his studentship. (Printed in Lord King, *Life of John Locke, Vol. I, p.* 279.) [*Ibid. No.* 77.]

Nov. 8. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Thomas Fowles, stating that he has extended the estate of Lord Grey in Northumberland for a debt of 400*l.* and praying, since his Majesty has granted the said estate for raising 16,000*l.*, leave to recover his debt out of the said lord's personal estate or an order

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for payment thereof after the said 16,000*l.* shall be paid. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 42.]

Nov. 8. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Secret Committee of the Privy Council. Being now fully resolved that the parliament shall meet 10 March next, the time to which it was last adjourned, or very soon after in case some great occasion may hinder our brother, our High Commissioner, from being there precisely at that day, we give you this early notice that no time may be lost in order to preparing all such matters as the good of our service and the peace of the kingdom at this time require to be agitated therein. We also send you this other letter for the Privy Council with a copy, which is not to be presented to them till you shall think it proper to make public this our intention. In the meanwhile we wholly rely on your care and prudence in the right management of all affairs fit to be brought before the said parliament. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 24.]

Nov. 8. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Lest the members of parliament, which is now adjourned to 10 March next, may by reason of those frequent adjournments be looking for a further delay of their meeting, we let you know that we are fully resolved to send down our brother, our High Commissioner for holding the parliament at that time, wherein he is to represent as formerly our person and authority. We therefore authorize and require you to give due and timely notice of this our intention to the members of the said parliament. [*Ibid. p.* 25.]

Nov. 8 and 10. [Received at the Committee.] Sir Joshua Allen and Luke Hore, merchants of Dublin, owners of the *Arran* of Dublin, to the King and the Privy Council. Petition stating that the said ship sailing with a pass from his Royal Highness according to the treaty and manned with his Majesty's subjects, thirty in number, only two being foreigners, came into Malaga last September, where Don Garcia de Sarmiento, the Governor, seized her and her lading and has condemned the same as prize on pretence they belong to Frenchmen and detains in prison the master and company and also Mr. Francis Newland, merchant at Malaga, for asserting the honour and sufficiency of his Royal Highness' pass and assisting the said master, and therefore praying that his Majesty would take such effectual course that speedy restitution may be made of the said ship and goods and satisfaction for the damages sustained and that the said Newland, the master and company may be set at liberty. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 343, *No.* 160.] *Probably annexed,*

Pass from Sir Humphrey Jervis, Lord Mayor of Dublin, for the said ship. May 15, 1683. [*Ibid. No.* 160 I.]

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Nov. 8 and 10. [Received.] Similar petition to the Lord Lieutenant giving more detailed particulars of the *Arran* and her voyage. [*Ibid. No.* 161.]

Nov. 9. Welbeck. The Duke of Newcastle to Lord [Sunderland]. I received yours of the 6th yesterday and thank you for your favour to me concerning Mr. Bawdes and am exceeding thankful to his Majesty for making him Town Clerk of Nottingham. I recommend Mr. Davison and Mr. Blackett, who will present this, to you, entreating they may have a despatch in their business concerning a new charter for Newcastle. They are Aldermen of the town and very rich and of great reputation for understanding and honesty and, if any speaks ill of them, it is out of envy. [3 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 78.]

Nov. 10. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Attorney General. Signifying the King's pleasure that he take care that judgment be forthwith entered against the charter of the Bermudas Company and also enclosing an information against Philip Wallis. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 141.]

Nov. 10. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Sir John Moore, Robert Williamson and John Bagshaw on behalf of themselves and other traders in the lead trade, representing that the inhabitants of Kingston upon Hull desire some matters to be inserted in their new charter which may be of great disadvantage to his Majesty and all that trade in the lead trade and therefore praying to be heard. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 43.]

Nov. 10. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Corporation of Southampton praying that, having surrendered their franchises, particularly the ancient franchise of being a town and county separate from the body of the county of Hampshire, they may be granted a renewal and confirmation of the same. [*Ibid. p.* 44.]

Nov. 10. Whitehall. Warrant to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench and the Recorder of London for inserting in the first general pardon for poor convicts of Newgate without any condition of transportation John Smith lately convicted at the Old Bailey sessions of stealing goods to the value of 3*l.* and sentenced to death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 232.]

Nov. 11. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir Thomas Chicheley. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that he forthwith cause a survey to be made of all the lands belonging to the Duchy [of Lancaster] with an account of their values and by whom they are possessed at present, as also a list of the officers employed in collecting the revenue with their respective salaries. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 142.]

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Nov. 11. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Bishop of Oxford. Sending the King's commands for the immediate expulsion of Mr. Locke.—Mr. Gaches has petitioned his Majesty to continue a Student of Christ Church. Therefore I desire you to let me know how this matter stands and what you think fit to be done in it. (Part printed in Lord King, *Life of John Locke, Vol. I, p.* 281.) [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 11. Whitehall. Warrant to the Bishop of Oxford, Dean of Christ Church, for the removal of John Locke from his studentship in the said college. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 101.]

Nov. 11. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Hugh, Earl of Mount Alexander, for an order to the Commissioners of Grace in Ireland to forbear disposing of certain lands granted him by certificate of the late Court of Claims to Hore Maghie or any other, till he be heard. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 44.]

Nov. 11. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Lieut.-Col. Edward Becker, James Wood and Richard Cawthorne. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that they immediately repair to Roger L'Estrange, a Justice for Middlesex, to give him information of such matters relating to his Majesty's service as he shall demand of them, so that he may forthwith render an account thereof to his Majesty. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 232.]

Nov. 12. Whitehall. Warrant to Lawrence Swanton, clerk of assize for the Western circuit, for inserting in the next general pardon for poor convicts for the Western circuit but leaving out in the clause for transportation Humphrey Canning, late of the parish of Veryan, Cornwall, who worked as a thresher in the barn of a wealthy farmer the late hard winter, and was at the sessions for that county found guilty of stealing wheat to the value of 3*d.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 292.]

Nov. 12. Whitehall. Warrant for the denization of Eve, wife of John Weyman of Lambeth, merchant, and of Johanna and Helena, daughters of the said John and Eve Weyman, with a clause that the said Johanna and Helena Weyman take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy within one year after they shall attain the age of 16. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 68.]

Nov. 12. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Christopher, Duke of Albemarle, and his heirs of a market at Redriffe *alias* Rotherith on every Thursday and Saturday and two fairs yearly on the first Thursday in April and the first Thursday in October each for two days and a ferry between Redriffe and Ratcliff Cross, Middlesex, with such toll as is taken at the ferry at Gravesend, it having been found by inquisition that such a grant will be no prejudice to the Crown or others. [*Ibid. p.* 69.]

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Nov. 12. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant during pleasure to John Glover of the office of bayliff and verger of the town of Sandwich void by the surrender of the charter of the said town. [*Ibid. p.* 73.]

Nov. 12. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Tiverton on the surrender of their charter and for regranting to them all the lands and privileges contained in former charters, with the reservations, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein named the first and present members of the corporation. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 233.] *Annexed,*

The said paper. [*Ibid. p.* 234.]

Nov. 13. —— to the Earl of Sunderland. To-day my friend over the water tells me that there is a difference between the Lord Chief Justice and another of the judges of the King's Bench, by which means he hopes some breach will be made amongst them, for, if there be never so little a breach, then is the time to fall on, for at the first breach among the Court party they are resolved to fall on. He says he has 300 anchor smiths that are brave boys and of the old stamp, whom he knows to be true and who will follow him on any occasion. He likewise says that Portsmouth and Plymouth are the two first places they must go upon. As to the landward it is not fortified at all, but to the sea it is impossible to do anything, for no ship or boat can come in there but what must be sunk by the breast work on the mole, but, if once one pass that place, there is not a gun to hurt you. He likewise says he has seen the effigy of the old King set up with a motto under him and now they have set him up in another place, but he was the worst of kings and the worst of tyrants. He said he had seen the City gates pulled down and the lead melted to make bullets and hopes to see it again. He has promised to bring me acquainted with their iron smith and sword cutler and some brave old fellows, but it must be by little and little, for they are very shy of a stranger. I hope in time to find out some of their stores either of powder or arms. [1½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 79.]

Nov. 13. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Gainsborough. The King, having the matter of the Sheriffs now under consideration, would have you propose some fit person to be Sheriff of Hampshire. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 143.]

Nov. 13. Whitehall. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury. Requiring that Samuel Parker, D.D., one of the prebendaries of that church, whom the King is employing in some affairs that will require his attendance in or near London, be dispensed with as to his residence in that cathedral till the King's further pleasure be signified. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 96.]

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Nov. 13. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General of Richard Peirce, major of one of the Trained Band regiments in London, for an order for a *Nolle prosequi* to be entered on an indictment of perjury brought against him by John Brandon. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 45.]

Nov. 13. Whitehall. Reference to the Committee for Trade of the petition of Richard Owen, Consul in the Canary Islands, and the merchants of that factory for relief, representing that notwithstanding by the 6th article of the treaty with Spain it is agreed that a table of rates shall be fixed in the custom house and by the 38th that his Majesty's subjects shall enjoy the same privileges in their persons and trade as the French or any others, yet neither of these articles is observed in the Canaries but the farmers of the customs rate the goods there *ad libitum* without fixing any book of rates at the custom house, though the Consul has several times petitioned that the treaty in both those points might be observed. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 13. Whitehall. The King to the Marquess of Queensberry, Treasurer. Warrant for payment to Alexander Tulloch of Tanachie in consideration of the loyalty and sufferings of himself and his long since deceased father, Thomas Tulloch, of 500*l.* sterling out of the fines imposed on account of any ecclesiastic irregularities or disorders within the shires of Elgin and Nairn. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 26.]

Nov. 13. Whitehall. The same to the same. Warrant for payment to ——, entered drum-major of the regiment of Guard 1 Sept. last, of an allowance of 2*s.* sterling *per diem* to commence from the said day of his entry. [*Ibid. p.* 28.]

Nov. 14. Eastwell. The Earl of Winchilsea to Lord [Sunderland]. I made use of his Majesty's favour to go into France for my health and made all the haste I could to Lyons and found myself much better there, the exercise, air and wine contributing very much, which encouraged me to go to the more southern parts. That I might choose the most proper place I sent for Dr. Spoone but he assured me that Provence and Languedoc were all infected with a contagious disease and that thousands were sick and very many dead and therefore advised me to winter on the Loire. I resolved to come into England rather than stay in France in a country as cold in winter as England and so I made all the haste I could hither, intending to use his Majesty's leave to go beyond the seas next spring if it be necessary, to perfect the cure of the scurvy, but I hope the great exercise I have used has done me much good, but it has given me two great fits of the stone. By use of the balsam of Mecca I have had great relief, yet am forced to continue taking it and to use rest. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 80.]

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Nov. 14. Berwick. Sir William Wheler to Lord [Sunderland]. I have received your letter acquainting me that his Majesty was pleased with my actions here concerning the prisoners. Andrew Riddell was sent me by Col. Strother and I have twice sent to Edinburgh about him but, hearing nothing, I waited on Lord Home, who told me he would this day send for him, but has not. I desire to know what to do with him, if the Council of Scotland should not send for him. [*Ibid. No.* 81.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. The King to the Archbishop of Canterbury. After reciting the foundation of Chelsea Hospital and that the complete finishing of the building and much more the perpetual endowment thereof will require a greater expense than the King's particular bounty, as his affairs now stand, can well extend to, willing and requiring him to send circular letters to the bishops of his province earnestly inciting them both by their own example, if they be men of plentiful estates, and by arguments of persuasion to deal effectually with all in their respective dioceses, who are masters of considerable estates, exhorting them to contribute liberally to so good a design, assuring him that whatsoever shall be done in compliance herewith shall be most graciously accepted. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 98.]

Memorandum of a like letter of the same date sent to the Archbishop of York. [*Ibid. p.* 100.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Warrant for a new charter to the borough of Helstone, Cornwall, on the surrender of their former one, with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 70.] *Annexed,*

The said paper of heads. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 71.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir John Nicholas with the annexed papers for an order for the payment of the remainder of the 2,000*l.* granted to his father out of the half year's value of lands given by Adventurers and Soldiers in Ireland, his father having received thereof no more than 309*l.* [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 46.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the town of Southwold for re-incorporation, they having surrendered their former charters. [*Ibid. p.* 47.]

Nov. 14. Like reference of the petition of the Mayor and commonalty of the city of York for a renewal of their charter. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Warrant to the Justices of Assize for the Norfolk circuit for inserting in the next general pardon for the Norfolk circuit on condition of transportation Nathaniel Hartshorn at the last

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Lent assizes at Aylesbury found guilty of felony and sentenced to death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 235.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the Clothworkers' Company of London on the surrender of their charter, constituting the persons mentioned in the annexed paper of heads present members of the said company and regranting their liberties, powers and privileges with the provisoes, alterations and additions in the said paper. [*Ibid.*] *Annexed,*

The said paper, in which Sir J. Williamson and Samuel Pepys appear among the Assistants. [1½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 236.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Proclamation ordering the hearth money due last Michaelmas and thereafter to become due to be paid to Sir Denny Ashburnham and others appointed collectors thereof, but that due before 25 March last to be paid to Anthony Rowe and others, the previous collectors. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Various* 12, *p.* 421.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the report of the Lords of the Treasury dated 8 Nov., 1684, and the documents prefixed (all calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1386) for a grant of a pension of 600*l. per annum* to commence from Christmas next and to be paid quarterly to Marmaduke Darcy for six years in satisfaction of the 3,000*l.* granted him by letters patent of 14 Aug., 1669, and of all interest or damages by reason of the non-payment thereof. [2½ *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 341.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. The same to the same. Warrant for a grant of a baronetcy of Ireland to Maurice Eustace of Castle Martyn, co., Kildare, and the heirs male of his body, with a discharge of all services in consideration of the said dignity or payments in lieu thereof. [*Ibid. p.* 345.]

Nov. 15. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Col. Trelawney. Henry Dumaresq having served for several years in the Guards and being every way qualified, I desire, in case you are not pre-engaged to any other, to recommend him for a colours now vacant in your regiment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 143.]

Nov. 15. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to —— Haggerston, —— Nevill, —— Price, Christopher Turberville, —— Burnaby, —— Osborn, —— Poole, Mistress Dorrell and Samuel Morgan. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that on sight thereof or of a copy thereof they immediately repair to Roger L'Estrange, a Justice for Middlesex, to receive such further notices as his Majesty shall think fit to

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direct in order to the taking of certain informations. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 335, *p.* 238.]

Nov. 15. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. Soon after you went for Ireland, his Majesty sent you an order for seizing and sending to Scotland rebels and fugitives (calendared *ante*, *p.* 114) and he now, having received information that Campbell, a Scotchman nicknamed Boltfoot or Clubfoot, who stands accused of very great crimes, is lately taken in Ireland by Major Forbes, directs me to acquaint you that he would have you forthwith send the said Campbell in safe custody to Scotland, to be delivered to such as the Privy Council shall appoint.

I am also to signify his pleasure that no officer of the army or governor of any place in Ireland be permitted to sell or resign his command without having first obtained his Majesty's leave. [*S.P. Scotland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 36.]

Nov. 16. The Bishop of Oxford to Lord [Sunderland]. His Majesty's command for the expulsion of Mr. Locke is fully executed. Mr. Gaches' affair, concerning which you desire to be informed, stands thus. It is our constant method that when any of our society has a living with cure of souls, though the acceptance thereof forfeits all right among us, yet to allow the benefit of twelve months' stay in consideration of the charge of first fruits and other incidental expenses, commonly called a year of grace. To Mr. Gaches, who is a stranger and thought to be poor and whose living is of small value, three of these years have been already indulged and, if a longer respite be needed by him, he has not been discouraged from hoping that his time may yet be enlarged. I beg that nothing more than connivance may be pressed on us, for our colleges are nurseries and become useful as they make quick removes and frequent successions, and this will be stopped if men can find means to continue here notwithstanding their employments abroad. As you are a great ornament of letters so you cannot fail to be a patron of them. Therefore with assurance I make this representation. [*S.P. Dom., Car II.* 438, *No.* 82.]

Nov. 16. Whitehall. Warrant for the royal assent to the election of Dr. Peter Mews, Bishop of Bath and Wells, to the bishopric of Winchester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 166.]

Nov. 17. Whitehall. Presentation *ad corroborandum titulum* of John Gaskarth, M.A., to the vicarage of St. Nicholas, Bristol. Minute. [*S.P. Dom.*, *Entry Book* 57, *p.* 101.]

Nov. 17. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Capt. Henry Fetherstone Hagh for relief, being very aged and infirm and having nothing to subsist on. He raised at his own charge

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a troop of horse in Sir Richard Dacre's regiment and received several wounds in that service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 47.]

Nov. 18. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Col. Strother. His Majesty being informed that Henderson and Riddle, who were prisoners in the county gaol of Northumberland and were ordered to be sent to Scotland, have been discharged, would have an account forthwith transmitted hither how they came to be apprehended, on what cause they were committed and by what authority discharged and also Sir George Mackenzie's original certificate concerning them sent up. He would likewise have all possible endeavours used for taking them again, wherein he doubts not your care and diligence. I have written to the same purpose to Mr. Howard, the High Sheriff. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 144.]

Nov. 18. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Mr. Howard. (To the same purport as the last.) [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 18. St. James'. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. (Printed in *Dalrymple, Vol. II, Appendix, Part I, p.* 58.) [1½ *pages. Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 113.]

Nov. 18. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. You having some weeks past directed one of your secretaries to send Mr. Bridgeman a copy of Col. Henry Owen's petition desiring to be set at liberty, his Majesty commands me to tell you that he would have the said colonel strictly examined on the two points mentioned in the enclosed paper and his examination sent over and that he should be continued in prison till you receive his further pleasure. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 37.]

Nov. 19. Berwick. William Fenwick, Mayor, to [the Duke of Newcastle]. To-day we met and have agreed to surrender our charter. We hope you will give your best advice and assistance how to obtain his Majesty's favour so that he may think us worthy of a new charter. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 83.]

Nov. 19. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Corporation of Newbury for a regrant of their charter, which they had surrendered. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 48.]

Nov. 19. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lords of the Treasury. Having acquainted the King with the enclosed letter and papers received lately from Ireland, he directed me to transmit them to you for your consideration and report. With note that the parties concerned were John Gage, customer, William Jones, comptroller,

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and William Hensworth, searcher to the port of Londonderry, praying an increase of their salary. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 19. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the report of the Duke of Ormonde on the reference to him of James Clarke's petition with the letter annexed, which was that the matter set forth in the petition is true and that he is therefore of opinion that he may have a grant of the additional allowance desired of such pensions as are already fallen or shall first fall, and that the annexed draft is proper for his Majesty's signature for that purpose. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 19. Whitehall. Commissions to Charles Adderley to be captain of the troop whereof Capt. Thomas Lucy, deceased, was captain, to David Lloyd to be lieutenant to Sir Francis Compton and to Wolfran Cornwall to be cornet to Sir Charles Wyndham, all in the regiment of horse commanded by the Earl of Oxford. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 130.]

Nov. 20. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Attorney General. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that the *Quo warranto* against the Corporation of Sudbury be prosecuted forthwith. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 145.]

Nov. 20. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Bishop of Oxford. (Printed in Lord King, *Life of John Locke, Vol. I, p.* 282.) [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 20. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Justices of Cumberland. Enclosing an information, that the matter may be inquired into. The informant William Orfeur says he is servant to Francis Howard of Corby, where he may be heard of. [*Ibid. p.* 146.]

Nov. 20. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the report of the Duke of Ormonde with the enclosed report of the Solicitor General of Ireland on the petition of Edward Fanning. (Calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1470.) [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 50.]

Nov. 20. Whitehall. Commission to Sir John Parsons to be captain of the King's own troop, whereof Capt. William Legg was captain, in the regiment of horse commanded by the Earl of Oxford. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 131.]

Nov. 20. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. I have yours of the 12th with an enclosed petition of Viscount Clare, on which his Majesty thinks fit the said lord should be prosecuted with all expedition and vigour and would have you give the necessary orders accordingly.

I am also commanded to let you know that he intends the late

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Earl of Castlehaven's pension of 500*l.* *per annum* should be continued to the present Earl and that in the meantime, till a letter be sent in form for it, he would have you give directions that nothing may pass to the contrary or for applying the said pension in any other way. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 38.]

Nov. 21. Whitehall. Warrant for the restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of Winchester to Peter, now Bishop of that see. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 167.]

Nov. 21. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Henry Coventry. His Majesty, having on the death of the late Duke of Richmond in Denmark directed you to take into your custody his entry books of letters, which were accordingly delivered by Mr. Henshaw, Secretary of the Embassy, and being now given to understand that in the same book not only the letters of public business written by the said Duke but also those relating to his domestic concerns were entered and that the persons who then managed several parts of his estate are now to give in their accounts, which cannot be well judged of by the Duke's heirs without having the sight of those entries, would have the said books sent to me, that the parties concerned may (if his Majesty thinks fit) have the sight of the said entries. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 146.]

Nov. 21. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Corporation of Kirkby Kendal, Westmorland, for a regrant of their privileges and immunities, which they had surrendered. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 49.]

Nov. 21. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter incorporating the city of Chester as they were incorporated by former letters patent, with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 74.] *Annexed,*

The said paper of heads. [9 *pages. Ibid. p.* 75.]

Nov. 21. Whitehall. Warrant for re-incorporating the borough of Leicester on their surrender of their charter, with a regrant of their lands, privileges and immunities with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein named the first and present members of the said borough. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 238.] *Annexed,*

The said paper. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 239.]

Nov. 21. Whitehall. Commission to James, Earl of Airlie, to be captain of the troop lately commanded by Adam Urquhart of Meldrum, deceased, in Col. John Graham of Claverhouse's regiment of horse. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 28.]

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Nov. 21. Whitehall. Warrants for protections to John, Earl of Bradalbin, Sir James Cockburne of Ryslaw and James Clerk of Wrighthouse for two years respectively. [*Docquets. Ibid. pp.* 30, 31.]

Nov. 22. Morpeth. James Howard to Lord [Sunderland]. In obedience to his Majesty's commands I have sent Riddell and Henderson's *mittimus* and the liberate I received for their discharge. As for Sir George Mackenzie's certificate I see it shown to Justice Neile, to whom it was sent by Col. Strother to encourage him to bail Henderson. I have lately sent to Mr. Neile, who, I doubt not, will give you this post an account why he discharged Riddell and Henderson. On receipt of his Majesty's order I sent an express to Col. Strother that I heard they lodged near him, on which he took Riddell and sent him to Berwick and the chief officer there sent him to Scotland. I am informed Henderson is certainly gone for Edinburgh. However, that will not hinder all diligent search for apprehending him. I request that, as I have sent you the original *mittimus* and liberate, they may be kept forthcoming or returned to me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 84.]

Nov. 22. Plessey. Richard Neile to Lord [Sunderland]. Yours of the 18th to James Howard was forthwith sent me by him, and I understand he by yesternight's post, which brought yours to him, sent yours to Col. Strother, from whom I presume you will have a speedy account. I never either saw or heard of Henderson or Riddell till 29 Oct., waiting on Mr. Sheriff at Morpeth, he gave me Col. Strother's letter, of which a copy is enclosed, and desired me to give the oath of allegiance to Henderson and Riddell, which I did and made them a liberate. I then saw the certificate or pass from Sir George Mackenzie, but as you may perceive by Col. Strother's letter it was entrusted to a bearer of that letter, who was, as I remember, friend and wife to Henderson. It was both a pass as a chapman and a certificate of Henderson's conformity and mentioned he had signed Henderson's pass, which was found about him when he was apprehended, and perceiving it to be questioned because it was not under seal, he sent that second under his hand and seal, which Mr. Sheriff gave him back to carry him home to Scotland. I understood Riddell had lived some time on the English border, but why they were apprehended or what they had been or what they had done I knew not, and I believe till after they were discharged and gone Mr. Sheriff knew as little, all which I beg you to inform his Majesty of and, if he command, I shall send Col. Strother's original letter, which I hope will indemnify me, who live betwixt Morpeth and Newcastle, a great distance from where Henderson and Riddell were taken. [*Over* 1 *page. Ibid. No.* 85.]

Nov. 22. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Harwich on their surrender of their charter, with a regrant of their lands

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and privileges with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper, and for constituting the persons therein named the first and present members of the said borough. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 241.] *Annexed,*

The said paper. [*Ibid. p.* 242.]

Nov. 22. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. (Giving an account of the trial of Joseph Hayes, which fully appears from the report in *State Trials, Vol. X, col.* 307.)

The 20th the Duke of Albemarle, Recorder of Colchester, came there with their new charter. He was met about three miles from the place with about 400 horse and, when he came to the gate, he was received by two companies of the Trained Bands and the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council. He walked on foot from the gate to the Guildhall, the ground being covered with bayes. The charter was carried before him, the Mayor, etc., attending him, the bells ringing all the while and four pieces of cannon were often discharged. He was welcomed all the way to the Guildhall with the acclamations of the people, who testified their joy all night by making bonfires.

Mr. Cox, formerly mentioned, was this day brought up and charged with an information for transporting the King's subjects. He pleaded Not guilty and was remanded. Another motion to-day was that Wordall might be brought up next Monday and bailed, which was granted. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 112.]

Nov. 23. St. James' Square. Sir Joseph Williamson to the Earl of Sunderland. Having heard by chance that direction was given for a *Quo warranto* against the charter of Gravesend, where Lady Catherine as heir to her brother, the Duke of Richmond, is High Steward, I immediately waited on you, to know the truth of the report. I did not find you, but was informed at the office it was so and that the order was given by his Majesty's particular command, which so soon as I knew I immediately signified to the town what it would become them to do and am expecting the Mayor and officers in town in a day or two with their charter to be laid at his Majesty's feet. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 86.]

Nov. 23. Fowberry. Col. William Strother to Lord [Sunderland]. I received your commands last night. When, after noise of a plot discovered in Scotland, I went with a party of my troop to examine who passed on our borders, finding Riddell and Henderson I examined them for a pass. Finding they had none, I tendered them the oath of allegiance, which they both refused, whereon I committed them to gaol. Our sessions being shortly after the Bench thought it convenient to release them, nothing further being laid to their charge, provided they took the oath of allegiance, which they both did some time after and were set at liberty, a day or two

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before your order came to our High Sheriff. I receiving an express from him for apprehending them again immediately sent out a party and took Riddell and delivered him to the deputy Governor of Berwick, but Henderson got over the river into Scotland about an hour before my men got there. I immediately sent to tell the Lord Chancellor of Scotland that he was gone for Edinburgh and that, if he pleases, he might have him there. Sir George Mackenzie's certificate, which was only for Henderson, was brought me while he was prisoner, which was ordered to be sent to the Sheriff and the Justices that gave him the oath of allegiance. [*Ibid. No.* 87.]

Nov. 24. James Howard and Richard Neile to Lord [Sunderland]. We met to-day to consider what we should do about Riddell and Henderson. We shall not omit to catch either of them or any other suspected to be ill subjects within our reach. But, as you have been already informed, Riddell was retaken and has appeared at Edinburgh and Henderson is gone thither to appear and will not prove the person suspected by the best information we can learn. We trouble you with this to rectify some difference in our letters last post about the so-called certificates in behalf of Henderson. We may be both mistaken in our expressions, not being together, but on our accidental meeting on 29 Oct. our principal care was to follow the directions of Col. Strother's letter, who had committed them 2 Oct., and by that letter of 27 Oct. desired they may be discharged on taking the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and therefore, Henderson's passes being only to license him as a chapman to travel and a certificate of his conformity, which at every town he might have occasion for, we submit whether it was fit for us to seize them, and whether either of us gave them to him or his friend or whether they took them off the table we cannot now be certain. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 88.]

Nov. 24. Presentation of Isaac Fox, M.A., to the vicarage of St. Michael, Coventry, void by the death of —— Downing. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 101.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Grant to George Oxinden, LL.D., of the professorship of Civil Law in the University of Cambridge void by the death of Dr. John Boord, with the fee of 40*l. per annum* to commence from Michaelmas last. [*Ibid. p.* 102.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. *Congé d'élire* to the Dean and Chapter of Wells for the election of a bishop of that see void by the translation of Dr. Peter Mew to the bishopric of Ely, with a letter recommending Thomas Kenn, D.D., one of the King's chaplains in ordinary, for election. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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Nov. 24. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of a baronetcy of England to Richard Sandys of ——, Kent, and the heirs male of his body, with remainder to his brother, Benedictus Sandys, and the heirs male of his body. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 88.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Corporation of Lancaster on the surrender of their charter for a regrant of the same. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 52.]

Nov. 24. Like reference of the petition of the Mayor and Corporation of Leeds. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Reference to the Committee for Jersey and Guernsey of the petition of Sir John Lanier, late Governor of Jersey, for a reference of the examination of some matter of difference between Lord Jermyn and himself about the profits belonging to the Governor of that island. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Bayliffs, Recorder and burgesses of Bewdley for a regrant of their charter, which they had surrendered, with such alterations as the King shall think fit, and for a grant of 1*d.* per ton on all vessels that pass under their bridge over the Severn, and praying that the inhabitants and tradesmen may be reduced into two companies and that five members of the borough may be constituted Justices within it. [*Ibid. p.* 53.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Commission to Capt. Henry Cornwall to be captain of the troop whereof the Earl of Oxford was late captain in the regiment of horse commanded by the said Earl, with a clause that he is to take rank as captain in the said regiment from 15 Nov., 1682, in pursuance of the commission then granted him. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 131.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Commission to Thomas Legard to be lieutenant of the independent foot company in garrison at Hull whereof the Earl of Plymouth is captain. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 131.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the Company of Fishmongers of London in the same form as the warrant for the Clothworkers' and other companies. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 243.] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads to be inserted in the new charter giving the names of the officers of the company to be inserted in the charter, with a power to the Crown to remove any officer of the company. [*Ibid.*]

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Nov. 24. Whitehall. Grant during pleasure to John Mountsteven of the office of Provost Martial of Jamaica in the room of Sir Thomas Lynch, deceased. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 244.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Allowance by the Earl of Sunderland of the bill of extraordinaries of Viscount Preston, envoyé extraordinary to the Most Christian King, from 31 March to 30 Sept., 1684, amounting to 821*l.* 14*s.* Among the items are the expenses of his voyage with the Court into Flanders at 5*l.* a day, for a *lb.* of ultramarine for the King at 36 *louis d'ors* a *lb.*, and for 2 *lbs.* of lac at 6 *louis d'ors* and for bonfires and other expenses at the *rejouissance* for the taking of Luxemburg, which all people there were obliged to make. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Having lately received certain information that the few rebels yet remaining in Scotland, despairing of any further security or maintenance there, join themselves in little troops so as to force a shelter and means of subsistence from our good people and, that they may be more secure from discoveries, hide themselves in mountainous and boggy places or walk without arms as peaceable subjects, having also lately arrived at that height of boldness as by a statute of their pretended General Assembly to declare a pretended war against us and all who own us and our authority, whereby they most impiously conclude that they are bound in duty to murder us and them as they can have any opportunity, which they take by convocating secretly in the night, assassinating our good people, where they can overpower them, and particularly of late some soldiers, whom they murdered in a most barbarous manner, and in order to further executing their diabolical designs have dispersed themselves secretly to perpetrate the like villainies against our officers of state and those serving in the army and countrymen who evidence any sense of loyalty, so that, unless a speedy and most effectual remedy be applied for their utter extirpation, no honest man can be secure of his life, and being likewise well informed of the methods lately resolved by you for that effect, particularly your ordering the formula of an abjuration (printed in *Wodrow, Vol. IV, p.* 157) to be taken by all, with your resolution to employ and commissionate all the officers of the army and to join with them several of the nobility and gentry and to divide the forces to that end for their assistance, the said commissioners being to convocate the whole inhabitants parochially and to offer the abjuration to all, they who take it being to be dismissed and they who own or refuse to disown the said traitorous proclamation and assassinations being to be killed by military execution, with your resolution to proceed thus in all disaffected places and where there is any presumption that the villains are sheltered and to burn the habitations and seize the goods of all

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absents except such whose masters will oblige themselves to produce [them] within a competent time :—we fully approve of the same and all other methods you may judge most proper and expeditious towards the utter extirpation of the said bloody and irreclaimable rebels. [2 *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 32.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. The same to the same. Warrant, after reciting that Capt. Edward Atkins of the *Margaret* of London of 150 tons burden and six guns has represented that intending some time next summer to go with the said ship to Barbados by way of Scotland it may conduce to the good of our service that he may be allowed to transport, besides those willing to go on their own accord, some of the idle or vagrant persons and other criminals troublesome to the government, for issuing the necessary orders, when desired by Alexander Fearn, merchant, or any intrusted by him for leave to the said captain to receive on board and transport to Barbados all such idle or vagrant persons and other criminals as shall be delivered to them by any sheriffs or magistrates, who are required to secure the said captain and merchant from the insolencies and attempts that may be used towards the rescue of any of the said persons after their being delivered to them in order to their transportation, provided always that good security be given by the captain and merchant for returning a certificate within a reasonable time of the said persons being disposed of in the usual manner in the said island or some other of the said plantations under the exception of sea hazards, death and other inevitable accidents, the use of the prisons to be granted to the said captain and merchant on their own charge for securing the above persons, till they shall be put on board the said ship. [*Nearly* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 34.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Warrant for a gift during pleasure to George, Lord Kinnaird, of a yearly pension of 200*l.* sterling to be paid at Whitsunday and Mertinmes by equal portions, the first payment to be made Whitsunday next. [*Ibid. p.* 36.]

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Warrant for a gift during pleasure to Lady Mary Gordon of a yearly pension of 200*l.* sterling to be paid at Whitsunday and Mertinmes by equal portions, the first payment to be made at Whitsunday next. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 38.]

Nov. 25. The Duke of Newcastle to Lord [Sunderland]. Receiving the enclosed yesterday, I think it my duty to present it to you. I can say nothing for the town of Berwick, for the people there are very disaffected. If his Majesty command me to write any thing to them, I will obey. [*S.P. Dom., Car II.* 438, *No.* 89.]

Nov. 25. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Lord Jermyn. I have communicated yours of 15 Oct. to his Majesty, who is very pleased with your

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account of the good correspondency between you and the inhabitants of the island and doubts not that by your prudence and care it will continue so. The King has directed Sir John Lanier to part with his company to Mr. Raleigh and that the difference between you and him concerning some profits belonging to the Governor be referred to the Committee for Jersey and Guernsey. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 147.]

Nov. 25. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir William Wheeler. I have yours of the 14th desiring to know what to do with Andrew Riddel, in case the Council of Scotland should not send for him. I am directed to tell you he will be certainly sent for, if it be not done already. [*Ibid. p.* 148.]

Nov. 25. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Corporation of Shrewsbury for a regrant of their charter, which they had surrendered, reducing the Aldermen to 12 and the Assistants or Common Council to 24. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 53.]

Nov. 25. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. (Giving an account of the proceedings when Mr. Rosewell was brought up for judgment, which appear from the report in *State Trials, Vol. X, col.* 260.)

Mr. Goodman was brought up yesterday and fined 1,000*l.* and to find sureties for good behaviour during his life. Mr. Attorney then moved that the case of Dr. Oates might be a trial at bar and one day next term appointed for it. The Court said it might be any day next term.

His Majesty has declared that Lord Lansdown, son to the Earl of Bath, that was in the Emperor's army last year, should go his envoy extraordinary to the Court of Spain. Mr. Skelton now Resident of Hamburg is to go in the same quality to the King of Sweden and Sir Peter Wyche will succeed him.

By a vessel from Jamaica we have an account that Sir Thomas Lynch, the Governor, is dead.

The fleet of merchant ships that lay so long windbound in the Downs passed by Plymouth last week, but a great storm separated them. Some few got into Falmouth and about eighty are supposed to be driven to the French coast.

Letters yesterday from Germany contradict what we formerly had of the Imperialists getting off without any loss, saying that the Turks took 1,000 men in the island of Margarette a league below Buda with several boats laden with sick and wounded, and that they had cut off the heads of the latter, and that they also took a great many empty carts and waggons and that the Seraskier Bassaw was on the hills of Gran with 40,000 men and that the Imperial army was not far from thence, watching their motions, before they go into winter quarters.

Mr. Pollexfen moved that he understood that he had been

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assigned for one of Mr. Rosewell's counsel and therefore prayed a copy of the indictment. He was put off till the Attorney General came and then moving it again, the Attorney General said he could not consent thereto, so 'twas put off to be moved to-morrow, when the Court is full. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 113.]

Nov. [before 26th]. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting that by the Lord Lieutenant's report of 22 July, 1680, it appears that Sir Theophilus Jones was to be reprised in lands only to the yearly value of 800*l.* *per annum*, whereof 345*l.* were to complete his reprizals for the estate of Lucan and the remaining 455*l.* were to be in satisfaction of 2,000*l.* '49 arrears and for other considerations, yet that he had passed several patents of lands to the value of 1,434*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* *per annum* according to the value laid down by the Chief Governor and Council for ascertaining the year's value pursuant to the Act of Explanation, besides 9,129 acres likewise passed by him in patent, which not being found in the surveys on record have not yet been valued, and that the King by order of reference of 30 April last declared his intention of granting to Henry Guy the lands in the possession of Sir Theophilus by virtue of any grant in consideration of his said reprizals over and above the rent of 800*l.* *per annum* and that several reports in behalf of the said Henry Guy are yet under consideration, how the same may be granted most effectually to him; in case the said Sir Theophilus or any in his behalf shall apply to the Commissioners for confirming Defective Titles, that no warrant shall be granted to him or them for passing a patent in his or their behalf, till the King's further pleasure be signified. [*Over* 1 *page. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 345.]

Nov. 26. London. —— to the Earl of Sunderland. I have had more difficulty this week to understand the Whigs, for whereas at the beginning of last week and particularly the day after Rosewell's trial they appeared to me to be enraged more than ordinary and as if they were looking every way how they might revenge themselves on the government, since the trial of Mr. Hayes, his success in being acquitted and the favour shown to Rosewell in allowing him counsel to argue the validity of the indictment they are like people metamorphosed and seemed so gratified that I suspected whether I could believe my own eyes and ears and whether some deeper contrivance was not on foot that required them to put on a face of submission while the part of the fox was to be acted. According to the best of my observation they are much quieted by Hayes being cleared and by their belief that Rosewell will either be pardoned or brought off by a consent that the words in the indictment did not extend to treason. They take great notice that the Lord Chief Justice was not the same man towards Rosewell last Monday as on the day of his trial and believe this

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milder humour in him and his being so ready at the first to grant Rosewell's request proceeded from something the King had said to him, for that otherwise he knew how to answer Rosewell as well as he did Sir T. Armstrong in another method. They are much pleased at Hayes being acquitted, though they attribute it more to the jury and some particular men therein than to any intention in the Court to show him favour. The very cases of these two men make them at present as if they did not mind the Dissenters sufferers in prisons, etc. Not that I believe them reconciled to the government or that it has wrought in them any resolutions of obedience but on the contrary that their principles are the same and as willing to see a change as ever. Yet by this they have discovered they are people who may be managed and in some respects they are more easy than I took them to be. How long this humour will last is uncertain, for I look on it as accidental. No diligence shall be wanting in me to trace the changes of their inclinations nor the least delay to give you an account, if at any time I apprehend action designed. [2¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 90.]

Nov. 26. —— to Lord [Sunderland]. Monday night last was interred from Armourers' Hall in Coleman Street Capt. Masson, an Oliverian, where many hundreds attended the corpse from thence to the new ground, where they laid him. Most of the old Oliverian officers in town were present. Some had rings, some scarfs and hatbands. All were treated with burnt claret first and then canary. He is much lamented, but they hope 'twill be made up in his frey (*sic* ? fry). They keep up their spirits, hoping the difference at Court may widen and make way for them to get into the saddle once more.

I spoke to-day with one of Rosewell's counsel assigned him, who says they have so methodized the managing the case that, in case the Court have not designed to take off his life, they doubt not of clearing him. Many keep a fast to-day. The Commonwealth's party are for executing him, saying, He is a Royalist, let him suffer, it will make for them.

Great hopes of differences in Holland and other parts beyond sea, which will, they say, conduce very much for hastening deliverance to the sufferings of the Protestant interest. Agents are employed in all countries and such as are poor are supplied from a public stock by private collections and convoyed into all countries. [*Ibid. No.* 91.]

Nov. 26. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Thomas Wagstaffe of the chancellorship of Lichfield Cathedral with the annexed prebend of Alderwas, void by the death of —— Downing and in the King's gift *pro hac vice* by the suspension of the present Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 168.]

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Nov. 26. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Lancelot Addison, D.D., one of the King's chaplains in ordinary and Dean of Lichfield, of the archdeaconry of Coventry, void by the death of —— Downing and in the King's gift *pro hac vice* by the suspension of the present Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry. [*Ibid. p.* 169.]

Nov. 26. Whitehall. Warrant for a new charter to the city of Chichester on their surrender of their former ones, with the provisoes, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 84.] *Annexed,*

The said paper of heads. [3 *pages. Ibid. p.* 85.]

Nov. 26. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Viscount Dungan for orders for the speedy payment of the arrears of a pension of 500*l. per annum* to Sir Thomas Armstrong for the use of his brother, Col. Thomas Dungan, on which nothing has been paid since Midsummer, 1680, and for a grant of new letters patent for the continuance thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 53.]

Nov. 26. Whitehall. Commission to George Hamilton to be captain of the company in the first regiment of Foot Guards whereof Capt. Philip Kirke was late captain. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 131.]

Nov. 27. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Knowles, that was found guilty of perjury in Lady Ivy's case, was yesterday brought up and fined 100 marks and to stand three times on the pillory, viz., at Westminster the last day of term, at the Exchange and before his own door at Shadwell. Mr. Buttler, convicted at Northampton assizes for delivering a seditious paper to Mr. Fleetwood as soon as they had chosen him burgess of parliament, was yesterday fined 500*l.* Mr. Pollexfen renewed his motion for a copy of the indictment in Rosewell's case. The Lord Chief Justice said it was a thing that had not been used and that he would not bring up new customs or to that effect, but that the indictment might be read to them again. In the afternoon Nathaniel Thompson's trial was on the information for printing *The Prodigal Returned Home.* It proved but a short one; Mr. Stephens, the messenger, and the constable that went with him to search both proved it on him and he was found guilty. The trial of Justice Baily and Mr. Haviland and another also came on upon an information against them for kidnapping and they were found guilty.

From Dublin of the 13th we have advice that the Lord Mayor gave the Duke of Ormonde a very great and noble entertainment that day, the like not known in that place. His Excellency was extremely satisfied therewith and after dinner knighted the Lord Mayor.

French letters of the 2nd advise that his Most Christian

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Majesty absolutely refuses to come to any accommodation with Genoa, unless their Duke and four Senators come and demand his pardon and that they disarm their galleys, dismiss all foreign troops, renounce all alliances they have made against France, keep a perfect neutrality for the future and pay the Comte de Frisque 100,000 crowns in part of his pretensions on them. The Dauphin had been ill of a fever and being twice blooded is very well again.

Yesterday Mr. Best, called the Protestant hop merchant, stood on the pillory before the Exchange according to his sentence. (About the proceedings in Rosewell's case that day, fully reported in *State Trials, Vol. X, col.* 269 *et seqq.*)

It's reported that Sir Philip Howard goes Governor of Jamaica and that the Duke of Northumberland will command the Queen's troop that Sir Philip did.

Swadon, a Wiltshire man, being convicted of forging certificates about the Hearth Money, by which the King's revenue was lessened, was sentenced to pay 1,000*l.* and to stand in the pillory three times, at Westminster, Cawle (? Calne) and Salisbury. [*Over* 3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 114.]

Nov. 27. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. The King, having lately had an account out of Scotland that a mad fanatical sort of people have put out a villainous rebellious declaration, on which they have murdered several persons, and believing that the offenders may escape into Ireland, commands me to let you know that he would have you give all necessary orders as well at Carrickfergus as at what other port you shall think requisite for apprehending them, if any shall arrive there. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 38.]

Nov. 28. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to William Georges of Cirencester for his life of the office of Master or Governor of the Hospital of St. Lawrence in the said town of Cirencester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 89.]

Nov. 28. Whitehall. Warrant, after reciting that by letters patent of May, 1642, the reversion of the manor of Rutherfield Greys was granted to Sir Robert Knolys, which passed the Great Seal, yet the Privy Seal with the *Recepi* thereon by reason of the rebellion or the neglect of some officers have been lost and are not enrolled as they ought to have been, at the request of Lettice Kennedy and Katharine Holdenby, sisters and co-heirs of Robert Knolys, grandson and heir of the said Sir Robert Knolys, for enrolling and entering the said letters patent among the records of that year in which the same were dated. (See *ante, p.* 3.) [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 90.]

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Nov. 28. Whitehall. References to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petitions of the Mayors and corporations of Southmolton, the Devizes and Chippenham for a regrant of their respective charters which they had surrendered. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 54.]

Nov. 28. Whitehall. Warrant to Col. John Strode, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, to admit and swear Robert Humphreys to be a gunner in Sandgate Castle. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 359, *p.* 188.]

Nov. 28. Like warrants for Jeffrey Emplage, John Kennet, James Pashley and Thomas Rutton to be gunners in Sandgate Castle. Minutes. [*Ibid.*]

Nov. 29. London. —— to Lord Sunderland. I would not be understood to represent things better than they are or to occasion security concerning the Whigs, but I must still say the coming of Mr. Hayes and the favour they apprehend shown to Rosewell strangely contents them at present and they speak more reverently of the King, saying Rosewell's case has been truly represented to him and that he is merciful and of himself desirous justice should take place but that the truth is for the most part kept from his knowledge by men who drive on other designs. Being yesterday in a very private debate with a great Whig, who knows much of the party, I said that I observed a great calmness amongst the Dissenting party on Rosewell's case and Hayes' success and that I wondered men who appeared all in a flame one week could be so easily quieted, when, though those two were like to escape, that made little in respect to the condition of the nation. He answered, It's true by reason they looked on Rosewell's case as so very hard. That every man might as well as he be hanged for preaching at a conventicle, if not many that preach at the parish churches, and that when an over-credulous jury had found him guilty on such infamous evidence and that by the Lord Chief Justice's law he was convicted and might have been executed. That the King should interpose. And they say his Majesty asked, What! was so many at this conventicle and could none hear this treason but these three women? That this great justice and mercy in the King, when they were so passionately concerned for these men's cases, extremely satisfies them at present; yet, if once any appearance of alteration happen they will all turn at once to insist on national grievances, etc. And which more confirms this to be their humour, I observe some news from Scotland is strangely hearkened after. I perceive our London Whigs would have others begin but they would quickly be ready to lift a wheel. They talk of the Duke of Monmouth's being at Whitehall and that for certain he must be sent for over, on what design they seem to be yet at a loss. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 92.]

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Nov. 29. Whitehall. The King to the Warden and Fellows of the Collegiate Church of Manchester. Signifying his pleasure that they elect Thomas Hall to a Fellowship in that Collegiate Church, if any now be void, or otherwise pre-elect him to the first that shall become void. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 103.]

Nov. 29. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Thomas Milward showing that on several leases of the leadmines with the lott and copp in Wirksworth, Derbyshire, from her Majesty and her trustees an increased rent of 73*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* *per annum* is reserved over and above the ancient rent of 73*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* and praying a grant of a lease of the said increased rent for 31 years to commence from the Queen's death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 55.]

Nov. 29. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sarah Palmer, relict and administratrix of Henry Palmer, for an order for payment of 797*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* out of Lord Grey's estate due from him to her said husband, who was steward to him and his ancestors for many years. [*Ibid. p.* 58.]

Nov. 29. Game warrant to Capt. Robert St. Claire, lieut.-governor of the blockhouse of West Tilbury and of the blockhouse near Gravesend, to preserve the game within ten miles of the said forts or either of them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 251.]

Nov. 29. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. A dispute about precedency happening on the Queen's birthday between Sir George Hewit, one of the lieutenants of the Horse Guards, and Mr. Savile, Vice-Chamberlain to the Queen, Sir George challenged Mr. Savile for which he is forbid the Court.

It is reported that the Duke of Monmouth is in this town.

What I mentioned of Sir Philip Howard's going Governor of Jamaica is confirmed, he having kissed his Majesty's hand for it and the Duke of Northumberland succeeding him in the command of the Queen's troop.

Letters from Scotland of the 20th say that the lords who went the circuit of Ayr are not yet returned, but have made a great conformity in that county, the gentry having taken the test and the commons the test and bond of peace.

Letters from Portsmouth of the 27th say that the *Resolution* of Bideford laden with sherry and tent and bound for Bristol foundered about fifty leagues off the Land's End, but the master and all the men were saved by a Dutch ship, which lay by them a whole day, seeing their danger, and brought them into Portsmouth last Tuesday.

A motion was yesterday on behalf of Robert Lock, who carried away Lord Grey, that he might be discharged from his recognizances, but it was not granted. Fuller, master of a ship at

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Newcastle, was accused for speaking words against the King and the Duke of York, but, it appearing he had attended all this term, the Court looked on it as a malicious prosecution. A motion was for mitigation of the 500*l.* set on Mr. Buttler, for that the Court said, when they set it, if he came in they would consider of an abatement, and they have reduced it to (?) 500 marks, but ordered that he be committed till payment and find sureties. A *Quo warranto* having been brought against the town of Poole, on a motion against them 'tis ordered that, unless they appear next term, judgment may be entered against them. Mr. Farington, late of Chichester, also Baines Duff and Smith are continued on their recognizances. Thomas Burt of Kingston on Thames, having seditiously said that the government of Oliver Cromwell was better than the King's, is prosecuted by information. He pleaded Not guilty and is committed to the King's Bench prison.

Edward Nosworthy is discharged after two motions for the same. It was urged that he had not paid his fees to the officers of the Court, but he forthwith did it and was discharged. A motion that counsel might speak in arrest of judgment concerning Nathaniel Thompson's case was not granted. Three poulterers, who had made a bustle about burning the Pope, moved to be discharged, but are continued on their bail.

Yesterday the effigies of King James was set up in the Royal Exchange by his son.

Holland letters to-day bring an account that the Imperial army had passed the bridge of Gran in order to go into winter quarters, that the Turks had carried the 1,000 men they took in the island of St. Margaret prisoners to Buda and that the Duke of Bavaria dined with the Emperor at Vienna and was gone to his own country to prepare for an early campaign. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 115.]

Nov. 29. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for a grant of an earldom of Ireland by the title of Earl of Granard to Arthur, Viscount Granard, and the heirs male of his body. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 347.]

Nov. 29. Whitehall. The same to the same. Warrant, after reciting the report of the Lords of the Treasury dated 10 Nov., 1684, and the documents prefixed thereto (all calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1391), for a grant to Sir Edward Scott, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of all the lands and hereditaments and of all the goods and chattels in Ireland which Sir Thomas Armstrong on the day of his said treason committed had to his own use or any other in trust for him, reserving to the Crown such rents and duties as have been or ought to have been paid by the said Sir Thomas. [*Nearly* 3 *pages. Ibid. p.* 348.]

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Nov. 30. Whitehall. The Mayor and burgesses of Stafford to the King. Petition that on surrender of their former charters a new one containing further privileges not prejudicial to any other place may be granted. *At the foot*: Reference thereof to the Attorney or Solicitor General. *At the side*: Report of the Attorney General that the heads contained in the annexed schedules are sufficient for a new grant. 1684 [-5], Jan. 27. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 93.]

I. List of the members proposed to be inserted in the new charter of incorporation for Stafford. [*Ibid. No.* 93 I.]

II. Note of the additional privileges requested by the corporation. [*Ibid. No.* 93 II.]

Another copy of the above reference. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 54.]

Nov. 30. Dispensation for Humphrey Fish, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, to be out of his county. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 92.]

[Nov.] Westminster. The King to Ralph Montagu, Master of the Great Wardrobe. Warrant for the delivery of the liveries of the Yeomen of the Guard in the same form as in previous years. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 344.]

[1684 ? Nov. ?] Edward Gwyn of Gray's Inn to the King. Petition for a grant of the first reversion of the places of Lewis Morgan and Edward Freeman, the King's attorneys in the great sessions for Brecon, Radnor, Carmarthen, Pembroke and Cardigan shires (salary about 10 marks a year), who are both very sickly and much stricken in years. The petitioner is of the ancientest family of the Gwyns of Trecastle, Breconshire, and is a barrister (see *post, p.* 232). [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 94.]

Similar petition. [*Ibid. No.* 95.]

Dec. 1. Information that Capt. Bradell will depart for Cadiz this week. Several men are going disguised, pretended to be mate and other officers and seamen. They may be found out by the extraordinary number of seamen. They have a great many good clothes and beds, pistols and swords. They are to lie ashore at Gravesend till the ship is cleared. Let inquiry be made of the owners of the ship's names, before they say any thing. They have ordered the master to take them in. He knows none of them. I think the Downs may be the best place to examine them. They are thought to be ill affected to the government. [*Ibid. No.* 96.]

Dec. 1. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Cornet Thomas Peronall for some marks of his Majesty's favour

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and goodness to him, having been wounded by a shot in the head in a battle with the Moors, against whom he served in all the last wars, his Majesty being inclined to bestow some mark of his favour on him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 55.]

Dec. 1. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Richard Berney of Park Hall, Reedham, Norfolk, for a grant of 600*l.* out of the estate of Thomas Berney of Norwich convicted of felony the last summer assizes, he being then indebted to the petitioner in that sum. [*Ibid. p.* 58.]

Dec. 2. Hammersmith. Sir Leoline Jenkins to Lord [Sunderland]. The bearer is the Sieur Reverdie, who gave me several useful notices last winter. He brings me now this enclosed script. He lives at West Ham near Stratford le Bow and deals in French wines. He is well known to Mr. Cutts. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 97.]

Dec. 2. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lieut.-Governor of Gravesend. His Majesty would have you give all assistance to the bearer, a messenger who has a warrant to execute which much imports the King's service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 148.]

Memorandum of a similar letter to Capt. Baron and Mr. Chiffinch at Gravesend. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 2. Whitehall. Reference to the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant, of the petition of James Hamilton, Groom of the Bedchamber, showing that his Majesty granted to his father the minerals, mines and ores royal of gold and silver, etc., in Munster and all mines, minerals and ores belonging to his Majesty in the other three provinces with the melting-houses, etc., with other privileges relating thereto for 61 years from the date thereof, paying a tenth part of the ore yearly, which lease on his father's death came to his mother as administratrix, who is willing to surrender it to the petitioner, and praying a regrant of the same to him for 61 years under the rent of 5*l. per annum* for the first seven years and afterwards of the twentieth part of the ore to be yearly found and landed. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 56.]

Dec. 2. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Edward Goodyear for a remission of a fine of 80*l.* on an action of battery brought against him by Edward Stayner. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 2. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Roger L'Estrange. Requiring him to take on oath the informations of the persons mentioned in the order of 15 Nov. (calendared *ante, p.* 210) touching what they know and can testify of Titus Oates' being at St. Omer on 24 April, 1678, or some days before and after according to the

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instructions formerly given him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 245.]

Dec. 2. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, after reciting that information has been given that Capt. Bradell, commander of the *Seville Merchant* bound for Cadiz, has on board several dangerous persons, whose names are not known, suspected to be guilty of the late conspiracy, to repair to Gravesend and search as well on board the said ship as in the places adjacent for any of the said persons, whether passengers or pretended seamen of the said ship, and to take into custody and bring before the Earl of Sunderland such of them as shall be any way suspicious to be examined touching the premises. [*Ibid. p.* 246.]

Dec. 2. St. James'. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. (Printed in *Dalrymple, Vol. II, Appendix, Part I, p.* 58.) [1½ *pages. Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 114.]

Dec. 3. Berwick. William Lawson to the Duke of Newcastle. The present Mayor having acquainted you with the willingness of the corporation to surrender the charter, I thought it my duty to inform you of the true proceedings. The first *Quo warranto* being served on the late Mayor, Watson, and the Bailiffs was kept up by them some days, so that some of the Common Council desired to know the reason of its not being made known to the public. After it was presented, they desired to return an answer, which could not be agreed on but by vote, the majority voting an answer as counsel would advise, which the loyal party understanding to be a-waging law with his Majesty voted a surrender and forthwith sent a petition to the Lord Chief Justice to be presented to his Majesty. Then counsel was taken by the Dissenters of Mr. Polliks (Pollexfen), Holt and others, who told them in short they would lose the charter and, a second *Quo warranto* being served on the present Mayor and Bailiffs, it could not be agreed on but by a vote, the Dissenters voting a legal return to the writ and the loyal party voting a surrender overvoted them by 6, so that you may see how unwilling the Dissenters have been to surrender. I could further inform you of several proceedings by them, but forbear to trouble you. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 98.]

Dec. 3. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Edward, Earl of Gainsborough, showing that his Majesty granted him the benefit of the springs in his manor of Hampstead on a reserved rent left uncertain even to a third part of the profit and praying his Majesty to ascertain the rent to a few marks only or shillings a year as an acknowledgement whereby he may be encouraged to proceed in so beneficial an undertaking. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 57.]

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Dec. 3. Whitehall. Commission to Rupert Kempthorne to be ensign to the independent company in garrison at the Tower, whereof Lord Dartmouth is captain. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 132.]

Dec. 3. Whitehall. Warrant on the surrender by the Governors of the free school of Byrmyncham, Warwickshire, of their charter, for a charter incorporating the persons named in the annexed paper of heads to be the first and present Governors of the said school, with a grant of the powers and privileges contained in the said paper and of all lands, privileges, goods and chattels belonging to the said school or the late Governors, reserving power to the Crown to visit the said school and to displace any President, Governor or Master thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 247.] *Annexed,*

The said paper. [*Over* 3 *pages. Ibid.*]

Dec. 3. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Wigan on the surrender of their charter, with a regrant of their lands, privileges and franchises with the reservations, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein named the first and present members of the borough. [*Ibid. p.* 252.] *Annexed,*

The said paper. [1½ *pages. Ibid.*]

Dec. 3. Whitehall. Privy Seal for payment to Charles, Viscount Lansdowne, appointed envoyé extraordinary to the King of Spain, of 5*l. per diem* for his entertainment, to commence from the day of his departure from the King's presence and to continue till his return, the first three months thereof to be advanced to him and to be continued from three months to three months, of 500*l.* for his equipage and of such sums for extraordinaries as shall be allowed by a Secretary of State. [*Ibid. p.* 254.]

Dec. 3. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant during pleasure to Robert Price of Lincoln's Inn of the office of one of the two attorneys general for the counties of Carmarthen, Cardigan, Pembroke, Radnor and Brecknock, void by the death of Edward Freeman, fee 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and for a further grant to him of the other office of attorney general for the said counties to take effect after the determination of the estate of Lewis Morgan, the present officer, with the further fee of 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* [*Ibid. p.* 255.]

Dec. 3. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the report dated 22 Nov. of the Duke of Ormonde on the reference to him of 20 Oct. of the petition of Claudius, Earl of Abercorn, that he believes the allegations therein to be true, that his uncle, the late Earl, may have lost a considerable estate in Scotland by reason of his loyalty, for that he came over to this kingdom and lived some time here and died in a condition unsuitable to his quality

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and former fortune, that the honour is descended to the petitioner, who has not an estate able to support it as it ought to be, that there are several grants of pensions to others to take place on the first vacancies, for which he is like long to attend, and yet there appears no way for his behalf but to give him such a pension as his Majesty shall think fit to be in course entered on the establishment. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 57.]

Dec. 4. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of William Rutland, praying that, he having obtained a judgment against Lord Grey for 208*l.* on a debt due to him, his Majesty will consider him in behalf of his debt as he shall think fit. [*Ibid. p.* 59.]

Dec. 4. Whitehall. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber for payment to Thomas Lea, sworn and admitted one of the messengers in the place of John Turner, deceased, of 49*l.* 17*s.* 6*d. per annum* by equal quarterly payments, the first payment to commence from Michaelmas last and to continue during pleasure. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 255.]

[Dec.] 4. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Yesterday was a trial at Serjeants' Inn in Fleet Street between the King, plaintiff, and Col. Whitley, defendant, before the Barons of the Exchequer for 30,000*l.* which it was alleged he had received of the King's money during the time he managed the Post Office. After a long hearing, the great counsel of the kingdom being on both sides, it being plainly proved he had received money for letters from the King, which he ought to have carried free, the Barons decreed that he should go to an Auditor and account for the same.

By a vessel arrived from Dieppe at Weymouth we have the following relation. Monsr. Dupin, commander of one of the French King's men-of-war employed for the coast of Guinea, turned pirate and took another French man-of-war and sold her at Jamaica, but for this fact was by the French demanded of the English and accordingly delivered and brought home to Dieppe and then received this sentence, that having four ropes tied, one to each hand and foot and those to four boats in the sea, on a sign given they were to row all together and draw him to pieces and this to be done last Monday.

From Venice of the 17th past we have advice that the Venetian Armado was still at Prevesa and their general, Morosini, had some thoughts of demolishing that place to render that of Santa Maura stronger, into which is put a very strong garrison. Great preparations are making there for fitting out twelve galleys, two galliasses and four ships, some of which carry eighty pieces of ordnance. Commissions are daily given out for making new levies, the Senate having resolved to have a very good army in the field next spring and that early. General Mocenigo is recalled from Dalmatia, the Senate being very much dissatisfied

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with his proceedings, he having kept all the troops there to small purpose and being now forced to leave the poor Greeks to the mercy of the Turks till next spring.

His Majesty of Spain has made Don Pedro Ronquillo, his ambassador here, President of his Council, which will be worth to him about 3,000*l. per annum.*

[Holland] letters say that all the discourse there is about the business of Dort, who are disputing about electing [the magistr]ates. The Prince of Orange, 'tis said, will gain his point in it, the States being resolved to [grant it], though those of Amsterdam oppose it.

Letters from Constantinople say [that the Grand] Signior is resolved to have three formidable armies against the spring, [one against the King] of Poland, one against the Venetians and one for Hungary. [3 *pages. Torn. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 116.]

Dec. 4. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Warrant, after reciting that another new troop had been ordered to be raised and added to the regiment of horse in Scotland under the command of Lord William Douglas, for forthwith issuing such orders as the said Lord William or any of his officers may apply for to facilitate their raising thereof and for giving them what other encouragement may be needful. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 38.]

Dec. 4. Whitehall. The King to the Duke of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal. Warrant for payment to the officers and soldiers of the new troop consisting of 50 horsemen besides officers and trumpets to be commanded by Lord William Douglas and to be added to Col. John Graham of Claverhouse's regiment of horse such daily pay and allowances as are granted to the officers and soldiers of any other troop in the said regiment. [*Ibid. p.* 39.]

Dec. 4. Whitehall. Commissions to Lord William Douglas to be captain, to James Steward to be lieutenant, to James Douglas to be cornet and to Archibald Douglas to be quartermaster of the above mentioned new troop and to Capt. Francis Creichton to be lieutenant, to James Nasmith of Posso to be cornet and to John Cockburn to be quartermaster of the Earl of Drumlangrig's troop in Col. John Graham of Claverhouse's regiment of horse. [*Ibid. pp.* 40–47.]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Warrant to the Justices of *Oyer* and *Terminer* for the Verge and all other Justices for the punishment of assaults and bloodsheds and other offences within the Palace and to the Clerk of the Pleas of the Crown attending the said Justices, after reciting that Mrs. Charlotta Killigrew, Charles, her son, and Daniel Golding, William Woolfe and Thomas Richardson, their servants,

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had stated by their petition that an affray lately happened between them and several of Sir James Shaen's servants at Whitehall within the Palace of Westminster on an entering into a house presumed to be in Sir James' possession, wherein blows were given and blood shed on both sides, and that the said Sir James threatens to prefer indictments against the petitioners before the said Justices and in the Court of the Verge; for entering *Nolle prosequis* on any indictments that shall be preferred in the said courts by the said Sir James or any other for the trespass in the said house or otherwise relating to the said affray or any assault or bloodshed thereon against the petitioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 294.]

Dec. 5. Dispensations to Walter Chetwind, High Sheriff of Staffordshire, and to Samuel Lewen, High Sheriff of Surrey, to be out of their respective counties. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 92.]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Warrant for re-incorporating the burgesses and inhabitants of Lyme Regis on the surrender of their charter, with a regrant of their former lands and privileges with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*Ibid. p.* 93.] *Annexed,*

The said paper of heads. Among them is one for a grant of an annuity of 100*l. per annum out of the customs of the port for* 21 *years for repairing and finishing the pier or cobb.* [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 94.]

The names of the persons to be the first members of the corporation. [*Ibid. p.* 96.]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Warrant for re-incorporating the burgesses and inhabitants of Cambridge on the surrender of their charter, with a regrant of their former lands and privileges with the alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*Ibid. p.* 95.] *Annexed,*

The said paper of heads. With the names of the first members of the corporation, who except the Mayor, Bailiffs, Coroners and Treasurers are to hold office for life. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 96.]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Adrian Loffland and 21 other foreign merchants, praying to be made denizens and to be exempted from aliens' duties. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book*, 71, *p.* 63.]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Lancaster on the surrender of their charter, with a regrant of their lands, privileges and franchises with the alterations and additions contained in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein named the first and present members and

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officers of the borough. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 256.] *Annexed,*

The said paper of heads. Among them is that they are to have all mines of coals on the commons and pastures of Quermore and elsewhere belonging to the borough. [*Over* 1 *page. Ibid.*]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Kirkby Kendal on the surrender of their charter, with a regrant of all their former franchises and other things they were possessed of by prescription or charter with the provisoes, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads. [*Ibid. p.* 358. (*N.B.* 358 *immediately follows* 256 *in the pagination of this volume.*)] *Annexed,*

The said paper, which also contains the names of the persons to be the first officers of the corporation. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Warrant to the Clerks of the House of Lords and the House of Commons to let Dr. Samuel Parker, being employed in some matters for his Majesty's service, have the use of the journals, records and papers in their respective custodies, he giving a note to return them. [*Ibid. p.* 366.]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Commissions to Lewis Lauder to be lieutenant and to —— Inglis to be ensign of the company of Capt. John Inglis in Lieut.-General Dalyell's regiment of dragoons. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *pp.* 48, 49.]

Dec. 6. Gravesend. Thomas Atterbury to the Earl of Sunderland. Last Thursday Capt. Bradell, who commands the *Sevella Merchant*, cleared at the Custom House and I immediately went down to Gravesend, where I have lain ever since the ship being here, the master not yet come and the wind being easterly and so long as it continues in that point there is no expectation the ship will part. I have made observations of all people lodged here and find none I have reason to suspect. I have applied to Capt. Edmund Chafin and Capt. John Barron, the chief searchers, and I submit whether you will not think fit to give them such direction as may effect this matter, it being very uncertain, as the wind is, when the ship will clear. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 99.]

Dec. 6. Licence drawn by Sir R. Sawyer to the Ministers, Churchwardens and congregation of the French church at the Savoy to enlarge their church or chapel by building and otherwise according to the draft made by the Surveyor General, a transcript whereof is annexed, to be used as a church or chapel for the said congregation, their chapel being much too little for the con-

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gregation and they having obtained the consent of the Master of the Savoy. [*Ibid. No.* 100.]

Dec. 6. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir Charles Holt. The King, being given to understand that a dangerous conventicle continues to be kept at Oldbury about four miles from Birmingham and that several hundreds resort thither, many whereof are armed, has ordered two troops of dragoons to be quartered in the neighbourhood to be assistant in suppressing the said dangerous meeting and apprehending the offenders, whom he would have proceeded against with all severity according to law.

When anything of this kind happens in those parts, I desire you will advertise me of it and that in the meantime you will inform me how it comes to pass that this conventicle has not been suppressed, his Majesty having in order thereto some months past directed that yourself and some other gentlemen should be put into the commission of the peace for Salop. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 149.]

Dec. 6. Whitehall. Presentation of Denis Grenville, D.D., one of the King's chaplains in ordinary, to the deanery of Durham, void by the death of Dr. John Sudbury. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 102.]

Dec. 6. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty commands me to transmit the enclosed report to you with the signification of his pleasure that he would have the city of York discharged from the arrear therein specified. This matter has lain by till now, because his Majesty did not think fit to show that city any favour till their charter and government were in his own hands to be regulated in such manner as his service should require. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 60.]

Annexed,

The said report dated 1 *Feb.*, 1680–1, *with memorandum that this report being afterwards renewed* 11 *Dec.*, 1684, *and signed by the then Lords of the Treasury, a new order was granted on it.* (*The report is calendared in the* Calendar of Treasury Books, *Vol. VII, p.* 1445.) [*Ibid.*]

Direction that the above report be transmitted back to the Lords of the Treasury to give order for discharging the city of York from the 517*l.* 7*s.* 1*d. therein specified. Dec.* 14, 1684. [*Ibid. p.* 61.]

Dec. 6. Whitehall. Warrant for a presentation to the archbishopric of Glasgow in favour of Alexander, late Bishop of Brechin, now elect Archbishop of Glasgow, with a gift of the rectory and vicary of the parish kirk and parochine of Glasgow. [*Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 50.]

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Dec. 6. Whitehall. Warrant for a mandate to the Bishops of Edinburgh, Rosse, Galloway, Dunblane and the Isles for translating Alexander, late Bishop of Brechin, now elect Archbishop of Glasgow, from that bishopric and installing him Archbishop of Glasgow. [*Ibid. p.* 51.]

Dec. 6. Whitehall. Warrant for a presentation in favour of Dr. James Drummond, late minister at Muthill, to the bishopric of Brechin. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 52.]

Dec. 6. Whitehall. Warrant for a mandate to the Archbishop of St. Andrews to consecrate Dr. James Drummond, now elect Bishop of Brechin, and to install him bishop in the said bishopric. [*Ibid. p.* 53.]

Dec. 6. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for payment of a salary of 200*l. per annum* to commence from 1 Jan. next and to continue during pleasure to Capt. Frederick Fieffe appointed engineer and fire-master of Ireland. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 347.]

Dec. 7. Whitehall. Warrant to the Justices of Assize for the Home circuit for inserting in the next general pardon for the Home circuit Richard Coleman convicted of felony at the last assizes at Chelmsford and sentenced to death. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 416.]

Dec. 8. Aston. Sir Charles Holt to Lord [Sunderland]. This morning I received your letter of the 6th and am very much surprised that the King should be so misinformed concerning the conventicle at Oldbury. 'Tis totally suppressed and no conventicle has been held there since we were put in commission. We constantly hold monthly meetings in the town and shall do so for some time. We have also issued warrants for apprehending the preachers. As soon as we can catch them, I will give you notice, for indeed they are very dangerous rogues. Had there been any occasion of further assistance I should not have failed to beg it, but there is none, so I hope you will prevent the dragoons coming down, for I fear they will give more disturbance than at present they can do good. Next Monday is our monthly meeting at Oldbury when you shall receive an account of all our proceedings under our hands. I will address you on all emergencies. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 101.]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Gainsborough. His Majesty, being given to understand that Godden, a soldier at Portsmouth, is likewise a butcher and protects himself from his debts by being of the garrison, would have you give order for turning him out of his company, that so he may be left to be proceeded against by his creditors for what is due to them. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 150.]

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Dec. 8. Whitehall. Commissions to John Kingsbury to be lieutenant and to William Kent to be ensign of the company of trained band soldiers of Britewellsea (Brightlingsea) in the second regiment of the Cinque Ports and to Robert Blott to be lieutenant of the trained soldiers of Feversham in the first regiment of the Cinque Ports. *With note* that the last was new signed by King James, dated 6 March, 1684–5. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 69, *p.* 122.]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and approved men of Guildford for a regrant of their charter, they having surrendered the same. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 59.]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. Like reference of the petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Bath praying that, they having surrendered their power of electing their officers, they may be granted a confirmation of their charter as to other privileges and a regrant of the said privileges. [*Ibid. p.* 62.]

Dec. 8. Like reference of the petition of the Portreeve and Corporation of Neath, Glamorganshire, for a regrant of their privileges. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir Robert Vyner showing that the violence of his creditors, some having taken out a commission of bankrupt, is so great that he is in danger of being ruined, which he hopes to prevent by the assistance of a friend, who will advance him 14,000*l.* on the like sum due to him for the interest on his Majesty's grant of 416,000*l.* for 2½ years at Christmas next, which he is willing to do if his Majesty shall order ten tallies to be struck for the sum due on each quarter on the Hearth money as a collateral security, to be delivered up and cancelled gradually one after another as soon as any of the said quarter's interest tallies shall be struck for payment of the said interest due to himself and other goldsmiths, and praying a direction to the Lords of the Treasury to strike the said tallies accordingly and do other things needful. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. Reference to the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant, of the petition of Garrett Goff for a continuance to him of the allowance of 50*l.* a year on the same branches of the revenue in Ireland given to his brother, Edward Goff, lately deceased. [*Ibid. p.* 80.]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the town of Southwold, Suffolk, on the surrender of their charter and for a regrant of their lands, privileges and franchises, with the reservations, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting

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the persons therein named the first and present members of the said town. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 359.] *Annexed, The said paper.* [1½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 360.]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Leeds on the surrender of their charter and for a regrant of their lands, etc., with the additions and alterations in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein named the first and present members of the said borough. [*Ibid. p.* 362.] *Annexed, The said paper of heads, one of them being :—Whereas many persons buy the woollen manufactures in the market and carry them out of the borough before they be fully manufactured, by means whereof they, being out of the reach of the officers of the borough, have the liberty of stretching, straining and other abuses in dressing, to the great discredit abroad of the said manufactures, to prevent which all the woollen manufactures sold within the said borough are to be fully manufactured before they are carried out of the limits thereof.* [1½ *pages. Ibid.*]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. Warrant, after reciting letters patent of 29 Sept. last granting to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London authority to order and manage the lands, rights, emoluments, profits of markets and other profits, revenues and hereditaments whatsoever, which lately appertained to the late Mayor, commonalty and citizens of London, and to grant or let them for terms not exceeding 21 years or three lives, reserving the best rent that could be got, except the tenements on London Bridge, which they were empowered to grant for any term not exceeding 61 years, and a further grant to the Governors of the Hospitals of St. Bartholomew, Christ, Bridewell, Bethlehem and St. Thomas of authority to let the lands belonging to the said hospitals for any term not exceeding 21 years, reserving the best rent that could be got : for a grant to Sir James Smith, Lord Mayor, Sir William Turner, Sir James Edwards, Sir John Moore, Sir William Pritchard, Sir Henry Tulse and Sir Robert Jeffery, Aldermen, and Peter Rich, Chamberlain, of London of all the city's and hospitals' revenue for 99 years from 1 Nov. last, on trust that they shall make leases and grants thereof according to such contracts and agreements as have been or shall be made pursuant to the letters patent aforesaid. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 364.]

Dec. 9. Welbeck. The Duke of Newcastle to Lord [Sunderland]. I present the enclosed to your lordship that you may know how business goes on at Berwick. I am very glad they have voted to deliver up their charter. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 102.]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor and Aldermen of Bristol. The Duke of Beaufort having communicated to his Majesty a

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letter from some of you dated 27 Nov., his Majesty directs me to tell you that he expected the great grace he has shown to your city would have met with greater returns of respect and deference to the magistrates there, which would have been a good testimony of their loyalty and a suitable return to his Majesty's favour. But it seems some malcontents and evil disposed persons have endeavoured themselves and animated others to lay the government there under contempt by public neglect and open affronts and particularly the Soapboilers' Company, who withdrew their attendance on the Mayor to solemnize the 5th of November last, as was usual, and others of the Common Council who refused to do their parts as was customary in that solemnity. This latter I only hint, supposing that will be sufficient to prevail with the gentlemen to consider that his Majesty may command them to serve him in that station, and, when engaged, it is not in their power to dismiss themselves or dispense with their duty. As to the Soapboilers, his Majesty will put them into the Attorney General's hands, who doubtless will find a method to make them examples. I am directed to acquaint you herewith, that you may be assured his Majesty will stand by you in the performance of your duty and that others by it may be admonished to give a due regard to their superiors and not to deviate from what shall be justly required of them in their respective stations. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 149.]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Duke of Newcastle. I have two of yours to acknowledge of the 25th and 28th. In the former was a letter enclosed from the Mayor of Berwick to you, advising the resolution of that town to surrender their charter, which I have acquainted his Majesty with, who says that, when the surrender is made, he will consider what is fit for his service to do therein. I have also moved him for Sir Robert Shaftow to be your deputy Recorder of Newcastle, but he told me he was informed that a Mr. Lambton was a much fitter person to serve in that station and that therefore he recommended him to you to be constituted by you deputy Recorder. [*Ibid. p.* 151.]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Reference to Lord Chief Justice Sir George Jeffreys of the petition of John Wordell of Tottenham High Cross, Middlesex, for a reference to the Lord Chief Justice. He having taken out an execution against one Overton's utensils for 1,400*l.* debt, Samuel Kirke brought an action against him for them, pretending he had a bill of sale five years before, which was proved and a verdict given against him for 330*l.* A release being afterwards given by Kirke, he denied his hand and brought an indictment against the petitioner and his three witnesses, on which they were acquitted, but the verdict was stolen out of court. Afterwards the petitioner was tried again and cast and committed to prison and Kirke has since brought an information for perjury and

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forgery against him and tried the same without lawful notice to him and it passed against him. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 64.]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lords of the Treasury. Having acquainted his Majesty with the enclosed papers and reports on Patrick Usher's petition, he commanded me to transmit them to you for your consideration. [*Ibid. p.* 89.]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Warrant to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench and the Recorder and Sheriffs of London for the reprieve of George Porter, if found guilty at the Old Bailey sessions of the manslaughter of Sir James Hackett. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 366.]

Dec. 9. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. French letters give us great hopes of an accommodation with Genoa, those of that republic offering to agree to all the conditions the French King demands except sending their Doge, to which they must likewise yield at last, otherways he is resolved to give them no quarter. Whilst affairs are thus in a peaceable condition the King goes on with the additional building at Versailles, which he will have finished in two years and it will cost him 100,000*l.* sterling.

The differences in Flanders are not yet at an end, for Courtray and Dixmude are still in the possession of the French notwithstanding the contributions being punctually paid.

From the Hague we are given to understand that the Prince of Orange has appeared in the assembly of the States of Holland and the dispute between him and the city of Dort has been hotly debated on both sides, but at last it was concluded that the respective members are to make reports to their principals of what had passed and bring their resolutions against the next meeting, which was to be in eight days.

Yesterday we had advice from Falmouth that the *Rainbow*, an English East India ship, had been within four leagues of that place 29 Nov., but by contrary winds was driven off Scilly, where she was then at anchor. The purser and several other officers are dead in the voyage. She came from Surat and advises that Bombay had revolted from the English and had taken some ships from us, but that we had retaken one of about 16 guns and did not question the subjecting of them in a little time. The Dutch in the East Indies are going to war with the Persians.

To-day Knowles, that was concerned in Lady Ivy's business, stood on the pillory before the Royal Exchange.

We have it to-day reported on the Exchange that two eminent merchants are gone aside for a considerable sum. I take it they are two of the Langleys.

Yesterday the sessions began both at the Guildhall and Hicks'

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Hall, where about 200 Dissenters at each place were found guilty and fined.

The person for whom Sir Robert Peyton was committed to Newgate is not dead, so that bail was taken for him.

The King of Denmark, the King of France and the King of England demand of the Hollanders upwards of 3 millions sterling for the business of Bantam. Those of Amsterdam are making as much provision for their defence as though they were actually to be besieged, having mounted the cannon on their walls and several pieces of ordnance on vessels built for that purpose for their better defence. The Commissioners are at last named by the Hollanders that are to treat with us about the affair of Bantam and the Heer van Citters is despatched from thence to his Majesty to desire him that they may be despatched and all things agreed with our East India Company.

The Elector of Bavaria arrived at München post, where he was received very joyfully and he immediately gave out orders for fitting out his troops with the first of the spring. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 117.]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Warrant for a gift during pleasure to John, Earl of Kintore, of the office of Treasurer Deput void by the preferment of John Drummond of Lundin to be one of the Secretaries of State, with the yearly fee of 1,500*l.* Scots. [4½ *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 54.]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Warrant for a gift during pleasure to John, Earl of Kintore, Treasurer Deput, of a yearly pension of 500*l.* sterling to be paid at Whitsunday and Mertinmes by equal portions, the first payment to be made next Whitsunday, with a declaration that the said pension with the pension of 400*l.* sterling to him and his son is to be in full satisfaction of all further casuality, old fee, impost or anything else he may pretend to by virtue of the said office. [*Nearly* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 59.]

Dec. 10. Hutton. Sir George Fletcher, Sir Daniel Fleming, Henry Dacre, J. Aglionby, Henry Browham and Christopher Richmond to Lord [Sunderland]. In pursuance of your letter we have sent to Mr. Howard of Corby to inquire of William Orfeur, but have no account where he is nor can we yet be certain who that servant mentioned in Orfeur's information is. We have taken Edmond Appleby's examination, which we enclose, and have committed him to gaol on the information you transmitted to us. We made out a warrant against James Appleby but, the officer to whom it was directed having returned that he is not to be found in this county, we cannot yet make any further proceeding against him. We shall speed the execution of your directions so soon as we can

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have Orfeur and his servant before us. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 103.] *Enclosed,*

The examination of Edmond Appleby. Being interrogated as to the information of William Orfeur taken 20 *Nov. before William Bridgeman, he believes it may be true that he was at Orfeur's house about the time mentioned in the information and confesses he might persuade Orfeur to quit the farm he then held under him, he being then much in arrear of the rent, but he used no other argument touching Popish recusancy or reputed Popish recusancy to divert him or any other from farming nor did he ever use any argument to the disparagement of this monarchy of England, nor ever justified the death of the late King to have been deserving as a combiner with or an introducer of Popery or on any other account, or that his murdering his subjects in Ireland deserved as many deaths to him as he had hairs of his head, if he could have had so many lives to lose, being worse than the massacre of France, or that his present Majesty was going the same road or had made further progress therein or consequently better deserved to undergo the same punishment, or that to his knowledge he would as sure get it as he had done that was gone before the expiration of Orfeur's lease, which was then within* 13 *or* 14 *months of expiring, nor did he advise Orfeur to look to himself, for that, as soon as God should send the King's business done, not one Papist would be permitted to be within the compass of the sea, nor did he ever threaten Orfeur nor does he remember the violent wind mentioned in the said information nor the accident caused thereby. He denies he had any public office or trust touching sequestrations in Oliver's time or that he intimated any such thing to Orfeur or that he used any expressions touching the having or procuring any dispensation for Orfeur, nor did he ever use any words to the effect charged in the information except as hereinbefore acknowledged.* [1½ *pages. Ibid. No.* 103 I.]

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Andrew Sell, deputy surveyor of the highways, showing that for five years he has been at 100*l.* charge in suppressing waggoners going with above five horses, several of whom have been taken up and bound to appear, but they failing their recognizances are estreated into the Exchequer, and praying a grant of the benefit thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 66.]

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of John Hebdon, praying, in regard of great sums expended by him and his father in his Majesty's service, an order for his allowance to be made up equal to that of other envoys to Muscovy and

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that in lieu of his great debt he may be put into some suitable employment. [*Ibid. p.* 67.]

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Commission to Robert, Earl of Scarsdale, to be Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire during pleasure. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 132.]

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Warrant for erecting the offices of Provost Marshal General or Sheriff and also Secretary of the islands of Bermuda and of Secretary to the Governor and Council there and of Clerk of the Assembly of the said islands and for a grant of all the said offices to John Tucker during pleasure. [*Over 2 pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 367.]

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Richard Peirce, citizen and grocer of London, of the offices of package, sewager (*sic*) or scavage, balliage and portage within the city and liberties of London (according to a contract lately made with him by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen pursuant to the commission lately given them for letting the revenue of the said city) for seven years from 1 Nov. last at the yearly rent of 1,200*l.* [*Ibid. p.* 369.]

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Warrant to the Treasurer of the Chamber for payment to James Kitson, sworn and admitted one of the messengers in the place of Nicholas Copley, of 49*l.* 17*s.* 6*d. per annum* from Christmas last during pleasure. [*Ibid. p.* 370.]

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Signification by the Earl of Sunderland of his Majesty's pleasure that the several new charters to be granted to the towns and boroughs mentioned in the annexed list, which have voluntarily surrendered by the hands of the Earl of Bath, their Lord Lieutenant, their franchises and privileges, beseeching his Majesty to grant them new charters with such alterations and additions as he shall think fit, which surrenders his Majesty has accepted from the said Earl, excusing their personal attendance, shall pass the respective offices and seals without paying fees. [*Ibid. p.* 374.] *Annexed,*

List of the surrenders of the towns and boroughs within the Duchy of Cornwall presented to his Majesty by the Earl of Bath.

Cornwall:—Launceston, Truro, Lostwithiel, Bodmin, Liskeard, Penryn by the Mayor and magistrates and also by the Portreeve and burgesses, Mitchell alias *Midsholl, by Sir John Arundel, lord of the manor, and also by the Mayor, Portreeve and burgesses, St. Ives by the Mayor, Portreeve and burgesses, St. Mawes by Sir Joseph Tredenham, lord of the manor, and also by the Mayor and burgesses, Callington by Samuel Rolle, lord of the manor, and also by the Mayor, Portreeve and burgesses, Foy by the Mayor,*

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Portreeve and burgesses, Grampound, Tregony, East and West Loe, Camelford, Bossiney alias *Tintagel, St. Germans by Mr. Elliot, lord of the manor, and by the Mayor, Portreeve and burgesses.—Helston and Saltash surrendered before and new charters according to his Majesty's present regulation.*

Devon :—Plympton, Ashburton, Bideford, Bradnitch.—Plymouth and Tavistock surrendered before and new charters according to his Majesty's present regulation. [*Ibid. p.* 375.]

Dec. 10. The Lord Lieutenant to the Earl of Sunderland. Enclosing informations about treasonable designs in the North of the kingdom. (Printed in the *Ormonde MSS., N.S., Vol. VII, p.* 293.) [3 *pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 343, *No.* 162.] *Enclosed,*

A great number of letters, examinations and orders concerning the above treasonable designs, the purport whereof sufficiently appears by the above letter. [26 *pages. Ibid. Nos.* 162 I–VII.]

Dec. 10. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for an order to the Receiver General of the revenue of Ireland for payment of 3,000*l.* for his equipage to the Earl of Rochester, chosen to succeed him as Lord Lieutenant. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 357.]

Dec. 11. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Bishop of Oxford. His Majesty commands me to send you the enclosed petition. He is disposed to show the petitioner some favour, but would not do anything till he had received your opinion. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 152.] *Enclosed,*

Robert Bell to the King. Petition stating that the petitioner was Terræ filius *the last Act at Oxford, where by some ill advised words but no evil design in his speech before the University he incurred the displeasure of some of the Heads and was publicly censured, and praying his Majesty to cause him to be restored to his former condition in the University.* [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 104.]

Dec. 11. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of John Tomkins and other inhabitants of the borough of Leominster for a new charter, having forfeited their charter by not electing a Bailiff and other officers. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 64.]

Dec. 11. Whitehall. Reference to the Archbishop of Canterbury of the petition of John Cawley, D.D., Archdeacon of Lincoln, showing that he is brought into the Court of Arches for breaking a canon by committing his archidiaconal jurisdiction to Dr. William Howell under an annual rent of 75*l.*, whereon, without his being heard, a sentence is obtained that he is simoniacal and to be punished

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as the canons require, and praying a pardon for that and all other offences against the ecclesiastical laws or canons. [*Ibid. p.* 65.]

Dec. 11. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir Edward Seymour praying his Majesty to order him the arrears of his pension of 400*l.*, which is three years in arrear, and he will freely acquit all future pretensions to it, or else to order him one year's annuity and continue the yearly payment of it during pleasure. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 11. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Col. Henry Farr for some further allowance besides the 4*s.* a day now paid him, in consideration of his great losses and sufferings for his loyalty, he having lost to the value of 10,000*l.* at Colchester and having 17 children. [*Ibid. p.* 66.]

Dec. 11. Whitehall. Commission to Capt. Philip Kirke to be lieut.-colonel and captain of a company of the Queen's foot regiment commanded by Col. Piercy Kirke in the place of Lieut.-Col. Marmaduke Boynton. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 132.]

Dec. 11. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. The armies being now gone into winter quarters, little can be expected from abroad till spring. All that is come is the great preparations making on both sides for an early campaign. All our advices from the Ottoman territories say that the Grand Signior will be in Hungary himself. The rebels in Upper Hungary had got a body of 2,000 men together with design to fall on General Rabatta's regiment, which was quartered thereabouts, but they, having timely notice of their motion, received them in so good a posture that many of the rebels were killed and the rest forced to retire.

Little news is here, save the preparation making for the journey of his Royal Highness for Scotland, which will be in February. He will stay three weeks in Edinburgh.

The Old Bailey sessions began yesterday, where, besides the Lord Mayor, Recorder and the usual Justices, were the Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys and most of the judges, before whom came on the trial of Thomas Montgomery before a Middlesex jury for killing Mr. Norburne by wounds given him in the Temple garden. The King's witnesses brought it very home on the prisoner and, albeit he made a long defence, calling twenty or more witnesses, some of them to prove he had no malice against the said gentleman, and also some physicians and chirurgeons, who endeavoured to make it appear that Mr. Norburne's passion might occasion his death and that his wounds were not in themselves mortal. However, the jury found Mr. Montgomery guilty of wilful murder. Mr. Porter was tried for killing Sir James

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Hackett, the difference between them happening at the playhouse, where on some small occasion Mr. Porter drew on and wounded Sir James, of which wounds he died, but he was found guilty only of manslaughter. Whereas at the last sessions John Wise was convicted for that he together with Richard Jones and others barbarously murdered Elizabeth Fairbank, widow, for which he was executed, the said Richard Jones being since taken was yesterday tried and found guilty of the said murder. Thomas Williams was tried for killing a boy by striking a tobacco pipe into his eye and found guilty only of manslaughter.

Flanders letters of the 16th advise that the States of the several provinces are wholly taken up in raising money for their contributions for the French and are forced to put several places under military execution to force them to send in their quota.

Yesterday morning several young gentlemen, who are scholars at St. Paul's school, having their Master with them, waited on his Royal Highness, where Lord Dartmouth's son presented him with a paper of their thanks for getting them a play day with their hearty prayers for the prosperity of his Majesty and the royal family, which his Royal Highness received very kindly and gave orders to their Master to be very careful to teach them their duty to the Church and Crown.

I am told that Sir William Turner, who took bail for Sir Robert Peyton after he was committed by the Lord Chief Justice's warrant, is fined 100*l.*

To-day Mr. St. John and Col. Webb were tried at the Old Bailey for the murder of Sir William Hescot. They were indicted on three statutes, that of murder, stabbing and manslaughter. Both were found guilty of wilful murder, the proof being plain against them. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 118.]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. The King to the Master and Fellows of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Requiring them to elect and admit Maurice Vaughan, M.A., of St. John's College into the fellowship void by the death of Dr. John Boord. With memorandum that this *mandamus* had no effect, a person being before chosen into that fellowship. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 492.]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Keeper. His Majesty being informed that Sir Roger Norwich of Northamptonshire is lately dead, who had the custody of Butler, an idiot, would have you commit the custody of him to Robert Spencer. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 152.]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. References in the usual form to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petitions of the boroughs of Lostwithiel, Dunheved *alias* Launceston, and Bodmin for grants of new charters, they

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having surrendered their old ones. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 68.]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the city of Bath on the surrender of their former charter and for a regrant of the lands, privileges and franchises enjoyed by them or their predecessors, with the alterations and additions contained in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein named the first and present officers of the said city. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 371.] *Annexed,*
The said paper. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the borough of Southmolton, Devon, as in the last warrant. [*Ibid. p.* 372.] *Annexed, Paper of heads for a new charter to Southmolton with the names of the first officers of the said town.* [*Ibid. p.* 373.]

Dec. 12. St. James'. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. (Printed in *Dalrymple, Vol. II, Appendix, Part I, p.* 65.) [*Over* 1 *page. Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 115.]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Warrant for a commission for some of their number to go to the shires of Fife and Kinross, for some to go to the shires of Mid, West and East Lothian and the shire of Bathgate including Edinburgh and some to all the bounds betwixt Spey and Nesse, including Strathspey and Abernethy, in the same terms as the commission of 20 Aug. calendared *ante, p.* 125, who are to act according to the former instructions likewise calendared *loc. cit.*, the endeavours of the former commissioners having been found so successful that the King is resolved to try the same methods in other parts of the kingdom. [2 *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 60.]

Dec. 12. Col. Henry Owen to Col. Fairefax, Governor of Cork. It is a great satisfaction to me that Providence has cast me under the power of so honourable and worthy a person as yourself. Having no other way to apply to the Duke of Ormonde, I make my address to you that he may be acquainted with my present sufferings, for no man is more innocent than myself, having in thought, word and deed lived in dutiful obedience to his Majesty since the restoration, in which I was not wanting to be assistant, though now what evil men shall say to my prejudice will gain credit to ruin me, which is like to be done, if my imprisonment continues, which I desire to lay before his Grace. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 343, *No.* 163.]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for payment of an additional allowance of 100*l. per annum* to John Thompson.

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(Calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1446.) [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 351.]

Dec. 13. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Letters from Flanders of the 19th advise that from Saturday morning till Monday night last a great tumult happened at Brussels and a general insurrection of the people was feared, on the nations being assembled to give their consent to the impost, which they refused unless the extraordinary duties levied on the consumption of provisions were taken off and levied on the old foot of '81. The clamour increased and was great among the people on Sunday morning, so that the Marquis de Grana, to prevent the ill consequences, drew together all the horse and foot then in garrison and dispersed them into several open places of that city, from whence several parties passed to keep the rest in awe. On Sunday night the Governor of the town, intending to possess the great market place, where the nations were assembled, drew thither a party of the garrison with some dragoons, on which the Trained Bands, who kept guard in the Stadthouse, would oblige them to retire, which they refusing, they fired on each other and several were killed on both sides, but the guards and dragoons were forced to retire in confusion, which gave an alarm round the town and all the generals repaired to Court and his Excellency despatched orders to the horse and dragoons at Mons and Ath to hasten thither. Some Spaniards were let privately up to St. Nicholas' Church and placed on the top of the steeple with hand granadoes and some were thrown among the burghers, which so enraged them that early on Monday morning they forced the steeple door and obliged the Spaniards to descend and then chained up all their strees (? streets) and set a strong guard on them and kept the keys of the city gates at the Stadthouse, not permitting any gate to be opened. On Tuesday morning the drums were beat round the town to call the people to their arms and all the shops shut up. On the other hand the Marquis de Grana commanded all the soldiers to retire to the barracks and that day towards evening several thousands appeared in arms and at night they marched in arms to the Court, taking one of each of the nations with them and there demanded a redress of their grievances, which if not granted they thre[ate]ned to proceed to extremity, the Council of State and the assembly of the nations sitting all the time endeavouring to appease the people but in vain, till at last the Marquis de Grana coming out and assuring them that they should have redress of their grievances and the new imposition should be taken off, they went and dismissed the assembly of the nations and retired to their habitations. Thus in a few hours were the Spaniards like to have lost the government of Brussels.

Yesterday Mr. Oates was brought to the Old Bailey from the King's Bench prison to answer another indictment for perjury

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found against him by the grand jury the day before. It sets forth that he in the trial of Ireland, etc., swore that he was at a consult at the White Horse tavern with those persons, where the death of the King was resolved on, at such a time when in truth he was that day at St. Omer. To this he pleaded Not guilty and desired a *Certiorari* might be granted to have it tried at the King's Bench bar, which was allowed, and he was remanded to prison. Then he moved that his irons might be taken off, urging it was contrary to law, to which he was answered that an information had been given that he designed to break gaol, and so he was ordered to be kept in safe custody and, if the Marshal had done anything contrary to law, he had his action against him. Yesterday a Frenchman was convicted for counterfeiting guineas.

From Scotland of the 6th they write that the Privy Council have fined several for holding correspondence with the rebels. Four were fined 500*l.* apiece, two 2,500*l.*, and one Maxwell of Pollock 8,000*l.*, to be committed till either they pay the fine or give security to do it by 1 January. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 119.]

Dec. 14. The Bishop of Oxford to [the Earl of Sunderland]. The *Terræ filii* have of late taken to themselves altogether intolerable licences, their scurrilous discourses passing the bounds not only of decency but of common humanity, so it was necessary for the University to oppose sharp remedies. As Mr. Bell, who now petitions, found the smart of this severity he had first deserved it, being blameable in an extraordinary manner, and it will be a great breach on that discipline by which all government subsists, if the effect of this necessary example should be lost. But whereas you say his Majesty is disposed to show the petitioner sôme favour, I offer a method whereby the discipline of the University may be preserved and his Majesty's clemency have its full effect, which is, if his Majesty be pleased to remit the petitioner and his request to the Vice-Chancellor, it shall be my care to see that on an acknowledgement of the past faults and promise of better carriage for the future the sentence of expulsion be revoked, and I shall make the University fully sensible of their hourly obligations to his Majesty for his tenderness towards them and likewise to understand how much they owe to your good offices. [*Over* 1 *page. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 105.]

Dec. 14. Bolton. The Marquess of Winchester to Lord [Sunderland]. Desiring a favour from him very essential to preserve his weak health, which is to obtain either a parsonage in the King's or the Bishop of Winchester's gift or some dignity in Windsor or Winchester for William Mason, a physician in charity but a divine in practice and the only one he can trust with safety to his weak health. He is so weak from several violent fits of the stone that he is not able

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to dictate any more and therefore leaves it to his friend, Bernard Grenville, to acquaint him more particularly. [*Ibid. No.* 106.] *Enclosed,*

Certificate by the Marquess that William Mason is a pious, learned, orthodox divine, full of loyalty to his Majesty and faithful to the Church of England as by law established, and that he is sure that Lord and Lady Burlington can testify of the same. [*Ibid. No.* 106 I.]

Dec. 14. Whitehall. Warrant for a new charter to the Bakers' Company of London on the surrender of their former charter, with the provisoes, alterations and additions in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein mentioned present members of the Company. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 100.] *Annexed,*

The said paper of heads. [3 *pages. Ibid. p.* 101.]

Dec. 14. Whitehall. Similar warrant for a new charter to the Brewers' Company of London, with the provisoes, etc., in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein mentioned present members of the Company. [*Ibid. p.* 104.] *Annexed,*

The said paper of heads. [4 *pages. Ibid. p.* 105.]

Dec. 15. Our monthly meeting at Oldbury. C. Ward, Sir Charles Holt, H. Gough and Humphrey Jennens to Lord [Sunderland]. A letter from you to Sir C. Holt being this day communicated to us we perceive that his Majesty is informed that a seditious conventicle is still held in Oldbury, Salop. Since we have been in the commission of the peace for the said county we have had three meetings in order to suppress conventicles and have this day received presentments on oath from the constables, churchwardens and overseers of that parish that no such conventicle or seditious meetings have been held there since our first meeting. For future prevention thereof we shall constantly hold our monthly meetings at Oldbury and beg you to certify his Majesty that nothing shall be omitted for reducing the place to perfect conformity, which we do not in the least expect to do without the additional assistance of the dragoons. The place is in great peace and quietness and the conventicles totally suppressed and we have no cause to doubt by our frequent meetings will continue so. We have issued our warrants for apprehending the teachers in the former conventicles. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 107.]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Attorney General. His Majesty being informed that the consideration of the charter of New Sarum is now before you, you are not to do anything in that matter but on advice with the Earls of Pembroke and Clarendon. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 153.]

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Dec. 15. Whitehall. The King to the Master of Peter House, Cambridge. Dispensation to John Standish, D.D., one of the King's chaplains in ordinary, to hold his fellowship in that college with the rectory of Therfield for the next two years, and requiring him to cause these letters to be registered in his register. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 104.]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir John Knightley for a grant of his Majesty's interest in the manor of Preston, Northamptonshire, seized into his hands for Mr. Hampden's fine, the reversion whereof after Mr. Hampden's death will belong to the Knightleys. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 67.]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Richard Jones for a *Nolle prosequi* on an indictment of high treason brought against him, Andrew Sockett, John Field, William Langley and Elizabeth Worrell by William Leek out of malice, in regard that on their evidence he was found guilty of high misdemeanour and fined 400 marks, with direction that in the meantime there be no proceedings against the petitioner or the others mentioned in the petition on this account. [*Ibid. p.* 68.]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Corporation of Gravesend and Milton next Gravesend for a new charter, they having surrendered their old one. [*Ibid. p.* 69.]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Christopher Gardiner, Thomas Keynton, Richard Minifie, Edward Fawkner, Richard Eyre and Peter Phelpes, late Aldermen of New Sarum, and Jonathan Hill, John Parsons and John Payne, late assistants of the said city, representing that they are wholly excluded in a list to be members of that city in the new charter, and praying, having been always loyal and having freely concurred in the surrender, they may be sharers in his Majesty's grace. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. Warrant after reciting that John Giles of St. Dunstan's in the West had been 7 July, 1680, convicted at the Old Bailey of assaulting and wounding John Arnold and sentenced to stand thrice on the pillory and to pay a fine of 500*l.*, of which judgments he has undergone part, viz., standing thrice on the pillory, and that he has suffered a long imprisonment in Newgate and is never likely to be able to pay the said fine; for causing satisfaction to be acknowledged on record of the said judgment for 500*l.*, which the King remits. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 376.]

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Dec. 15. Whitehall. Warrant for a new charter re-incorporating the borough of Hedon, Yorkshire, in the usual form. [*Ibid.*] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads for the said new charter, among them being :— That the living of Sigglesthorne, Yorkshire, be annexed to the corporation for the better maintenance of the minister and schoolmaster.—With the names of the first officers of the said borough. [*Ibid. p.* 377.]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. Warrants for new charters to the Glaziers', Blacksmiths' and Tylers' and Bricklayers' Companies of London in the same form as the warrants for the Grocers' Company, calendared *ante, p.* 164, to each of the three warrants a paper being annexed with the names of the first members of each company and a proviso empowering the Crown to displace any officer of the company. [*Ibid. pp.* 379, 380.]

Dec. 16. Whitehall. Warrant to the Recorder and Sheriffs of London for the reprieve of Henry St. John and Edmund Webb, found guilty at the last Old Bailey sessions of killing Sir William Escott and sentenced to death. [*Ibid., p.* 381.]

Dec. 16. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. French letters say that the affair of Genoa is not yet ended, that state having not yet complied with the demands of the French King. 'Tis said he designs a journey for Provence in February and before his return he will visit those of Genoa to try if he can oblige them to accept the terms offered by him.

Montgomery, St. John and Webb having received sentence of death last Saturday, great endeavours were used for getting them a pardon, but, I am assured, none is yet passed and a great doubt is made whether any will.

Flanders letters of the 22nd say that all things remain in quiet at Brussels and that the nations had consented to the impost on beer for six months according to the usual custom and had agreed to the ordinary impositions on the consumption of commodities. These letters bring an account from Vienna that the Christians left in the garrison of Vicchia (Waitzen) had surrendered it on conditions that were not so well observed by the Turks, who pillaged and rifled their baggage. They kept not the place till the Turks brought cannon before it, but, there being four Hungarians in it for one German, they forced the Germans to surrender. The Imperialists have quitted and razed Barken opposite to Gran to prevent its falling into the hands of the Turks, but they maintain a little fort on this side the Danube, which is relieved by the garrison of Gran every 24 hours by 25 men in boats, the bridge of Gran being broken down. The extremity of the weather has forced General Schultz to raise the siege of Espires and to distribute his army into winter quarters.

French letters add that the King had given orders to all the

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officers of his Household troops to be ready to march by 4 April, resolving to have at sea the next campaign 36 galleys, 14 galliots with bombs and 22 men-of-war with all other necessaries, resolving if those of Genoa do not accept his conditions to enter their territories with 8,000 horse and 36,000 foot, who have all orders to march from Dauphiny, Provence, Languedoc and Franche Comté. The Archbishop of Paris has had a long conference with the Pope's nuncio about the business of the ecclesiastics and at last told him that, if the Pope did not consent to his master's demands about the revenues of the Church, the King would find a way to appropriate them to his own use without giving him any account thereof.

'Tis said here that his Majesty's ship the *Sapphire*, Capt. Hastings commander, has had an engagement with two Sallee men-of-war and took them after a sharp dispute in which Capt. Hastings was killed.

The French post that came in this afternoon brings advice that those of Genoa are resolved not to send their Doge. Nothing less will serve the French King, so that he has ordered double preparations against them by sea and land. His army by land will be very strong and commanded by the Duke of Savoy.

The Seraskier Bassaw, having changed the garrison of Buda, is repassed the bridge of Esseck and put his army into winter quarters. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*, 2), *No.* 120.]

Dec. 16. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. His Majesty, being informed by Capt. Christopher Hales that you having given him leave last July to dispose of his company to his lieutenant, Richard Farley, he accordingly did so, but that he kept his commission for the security of his money, before the payment whereof his Majesty having ordered that no commands should be sold or resigned without his own approbation, directs me to let you know that he consents to the said change as being a thing agreed on before he had sent any orders to the contrary and therefore is pleased that you give the lieutenant a commission for the said company notwithstanding the orders sent you. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 39.]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Bailiffs and citizens of Lichfield surrendering their charter and praying a new one. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *pp.* 80, 84.]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Commission to Thomas Sison, chirurgeon, to be chirurgeon to the Royal regiment of dragoons commanded by Lord Churchill. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 133.]

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Dec. 17. Whitehall. Warrant to the Recorder of London, after reciting that Daniel Decoysnon was convicted at the last Old Bailey sessions for high treason in making false money and sentenced to be drawn, hanged and quartered, for remitting part of the sentence, viz., the quartering. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 381.]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter in the usual form re-incorporating the borough of Neath, Glamorganshire. [*Ibid. p.* 382.] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads for the above new charter, among them being :— That for the election of officers on Michaelmas eve yearly there be presented to the Constable of Neath Castle or his deputy three of the Aldermen, whereof he is to choose one to be Portreeve for the ensuing year ; that on the vacancy of an Alderman two of the Common Council be presented to the Constable, out of whom he is to choose one ; that out of the Common Council two be presented, whereof he is to choose one to be Chamberlain ; that out of the inferior burgesses four be presented, whereof he is to swear two to be Serjeants at Mace ; that the Constable and the Portreeve jointly have power to swear such persons as they think fit to be inferior burgesses ; that a Town Clerk be by the appointment of the lord of the borough in the manner always used ; that all the rights and privileges of the lord of the borough be preserved. Names of the persons to be the first and present members of the corporation. [2½ *pages. Ibid.*]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Roger L'Estrange. After reciting that his Majesty is given to understand that many treasonous, seditious, scandalous and schismatical libels are printed, published and dispersed in and about London, signifying his Majesty's pleasure that he forthwith put in full and effectual execution all the powers and authorities for searching for and seizing in the case of the libellous books or papers above-mentioned or of the persons found offending therein and all such other lawful powers as are granted to him by the letters patent of 22 Aug., 1663, under the title of Surveyor of the Press, for preventing or suppressing these intolerable liberties of the press according to the direction of the said grant, and further signifying his Majesty's express command that he forthwith give notice to the Master of the Stationers' Company to call a court, where he is to be present, to give them notice of his Majesty's pleasure therein and also to require in his Majesty's name that they advise with him from time to time on the means of a better regulation of their Company and to meet and debate the matter as often as shall be necessary, and he is also to report from time to time his proceedings on the proposals offered by himself or by the Company. [1¼ *pages. Ibid. p.* 385.]

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Dec. 17. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Master and Wardens of the Stationers' Company. Signifying his Majesty's pleasure that they forthwith apply themselves to the best means they can for preventing the intolerable liberties of the press and that they communicate with the Surveyor of the Press thereon, who has particular orders to signify to them his Majesty's express pleasure therein. [*Ibid. p.* 386.]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter in the usual form re-incorporating the borough of Grantham, Lincolnshire. [*Ibid. p.* 387.] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads for the above new charter with the names of the persons to be the first and present members of the corporation. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter in the usual form for re-incorporating the borough of Godmanchester, Huntingdonshire. [*Ibid. p.* 389.] *Annexed,*

Papers of heads for the above new charter with the names of the persons to be the first and present members of the corporation. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Warrant for a commission to the Lord Chancellor and Lord Privy Seal of Scotland, the Earls of Mar, Linlithgow, Strathmore and Balcarres, Lord Yester, the Lord President of the Session, the Lord Register, the Lord Advocate, Lords Castlehill, Pitmedden and Boyne and William Hay of Drummelliar to meet with the Treasurer Principal and Treasurer Deput in order to draw and make a full and exact rental and charge of his Majesty's rents and revenues according to which the Treasurer Principal and Treasurer Deput and their successors may be obliged to compt for the same. [5 *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 63.]

Dec. 17. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Warrant for admitting Alexander, Archbishop of Glasgow, into the Privy Council. [*Ibid. p.* 68.]

Wednesday, Dec. 17. Dublin Castle. The Lord Lieutenant to the Earl of Sunderland. You will receive with this three examinations, that of Col. Owen, of Finiston and of Gavin Hamilton. The first was taken in obedience to his Majesty's commands, signified by you, and the other two are in pursuance of orders I sent to the North.

In the search made after fugitives from Scotland the *Sovereign* of Belfast has met with one Andrew Ramsay, who instead of a pass produced rather a certificate of banishment, a copy whereof is likewise sent, and, because it may prove the case of others that may come over on the same account, I desire to know his Majesty's pleasure how they shall be used here. This Ramsay

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is committed and shall continue so till I have further instructions. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 343, *No.* 164.] *Enclosed,*

The deposition of Col. Henry Owen taken before Edward Webber, Mayor of Cork, and Col. Thomas Fairfax. He knew Ferguson very well. He usually saw him at a house the deponent rented in Leadenhall Street, where his brother, Dr. Owen, lodged, and Ferguson came thither to Dr. Owen and often preached at a meeting-house in the said street. The last time he saw Ferguson was in his said brother's lodging. In the last five years he had not seen him in any other place than the said lodging. Several Nonconformist ministers were in Ferguson's company when he saw him last, whose names he cannot remember. The last discourse he had with Ferguson and his brother, Dr. Owen, was about the choosing of Mr. Shute Sheriff, Ferguson affirming he would carry it by a thousand voices and the deponent that he would not.

The deponent never promised nor supplied Aaron Smith with money nor ever knew of any voyage Smith took into Scotland till Smith was in prison. He never had any particular acquaintance or private conference with Nelthorp but in a public coffee-house with twenty or more at the table. He never heard nor had any discourse with any of his acquaintance prejudicial to the present government and never had any discourse with Aaron Smith further than about the portion of Dr. Owen's wife, which she sued for in Chancery. Dec. 11, 1684. [*Copy. 1¼ pages. Ibid. No.* 164 I.]

The further examination of Alexander Finiston of Downpatrick, carpenter. He never had any acquaintance with Robert Camlin nor ever saw him before Sunday 30 *November last, when he called at the examinant's house. He does not know any particular reason he had to call on him unless it were he believed he was a Presbyterian, nor can he imagine he had any other grounds for placing so much confidence in him as to tell him such a story. He did not observe that Camlin was any thing in drink. Camlin did not name any other person to him nor does he otherwise know nor has he since heard of any one that was to be concerned in the said design, nor does he know more of it than he declared in his former examination. Dec.* 13, 1684.

The examination of Gawin Hamilton of Liswine, co. Down. He has known Alexander Finiston these ten years or upwards. The reason is that Finiston is one of the militia troop whereto the examinant is lieutenant. He has no acquaintance with Robert Camlin of Loghenerland, but it is probable he might have seen him but he never spoke with him. He knows John, Samuel and Hugh Camlin, all of Killeleagh, who, he is informed, are Robert's brothers, and there is another brother, James, living in co. Armagh, who is a gardener.

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He does not know James Calwell, late of Belfast, bookbinder, but knew Ensign Alexander Calwell, who he hears is his father. He does not know nor ever heard of a paper Calwell was promoting in and about Belfast till the late public rumour of it. He never knew nor heard of any Presbyterian design in any part of this kingdom to rise in arms or otherwise oppose the King or his government. When he received his commission as lieutenant he took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and is willing to take them when required by authority. Dec. 12, 1684.

Certificate that, Andrew Ramsay, baker in Ayr, being called before the Commissioners of the Privy Council and Justiciary for harbouring and favouring rebels, treasonable positions, church irregularities and other crimes and disorders and having refused to take the test or sign the bond for securing the public peace and petitioned for liberty to remove out of the kingdom, the Commissioners allowed him to exact himself to depart out of the kingdom within thirty days and never to return without leave under the pain of 1,000 *marks. Aug.* 7, 1684. [2½ *pages. Copies. No.* 164 II.]

Dec. 18. Whitehall. On the petition of Charles Boone, Dorothy Bodington *alias* Boone and others, the only sisters of Christopher Boone of London, bachelor, deceased, for a commission of review, Sir Thomas Exton, Dr. William Oldis and Edward Eaton as pretended legatees of a will of the said Christopher Boone having pleaded three loose papers and Sir Richard Lloyd having pronounced sentence against their validity and they having appealed, on which the Delegates have pronounced for their validity, against law and justice, reference to the Lord Keeper to give order for a commission of review as desired, if he shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 71.]

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Order in Council offering a reward of 10*l.* for every robber or highwayman apprehended till 19 Dec., 1685, and thereafter till his Majesty shall recall this order. [*Printed. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 108.]

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Warrant for a new charter to the Innholders' Company of London on the surrender of their former charter, with the powers, additions and alterations in the annexed paper of heads, and for constituting the persons therein mentioned present members of the Company. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 113.] *Annexed, The said paper of heads.* [3 *pages. Ibid. p.* 114.]

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Commissions to Rowland Selby to be lieutenant of Capt. Henry Cornwall's troop, to Richard Wise to be cornet of the King's own troop, whereof Sir John Parsons is captain, and to

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Samson Goodall to be captain, all in the Earl of Oxford's regiment of horse. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 133.]

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Warrant for making the *Hunter*, a Dutch ship taken prize during the last Dutch war, for some time past belonging to the Royal Navy and lately sold by the Navy Commissioners, a free ship, the Navy Commissioners having covenanted with the purchasers to that effect. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 391.]

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter in the usual form re-incorporating the borough of Preston, Lancashire. [*Ibid. p.* 392.] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads for the above new charter with the names of the persons to be the first and present members of the corporation. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter in the usual form re-incorporating the borough of Leominster, Herefordshire. [*Ibid. p.* 394.] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads for the above charter with the names of the persons to be the first and present members of the corporation. [*Over* 4 *pages. Ibid.*]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the three petitions of John, Earl of Bath, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, on behalf of the boroughs of St. Ives, Camelford and Tyntagel *alias* Bossiney, praying that they, having surrendered their charters, might be granted new ones. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 70.]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Edward Howard of Berkshire for a grant of a pension of 200*l.* to commence from Oct., 1683. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir Roger Norwich for an order for payment to him of 93*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* expended by him in prosecuting Mr. Butler, who was fined 500 marks for reading a seditious libel to the members returned to the Oxford parliament for Northamptonshire, to give order for paying him such sums as they shall find to have been disbursed by him for his Majesty's service on this occasion. [*Ibid. p.* 71.]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. Reference to the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant, of the petition of Viscount Netterville, showing that, though his father was always loyal, yet, by the oaths of profligate villains since detected of perjury, he was not restored to his estate by the Court of Claims, whereon his Majesty ordered a proviso to be inserted in the Act of Explanation ordering reprizals to be set out to the persons entitled to the petitioner's estate, after which the possession was to be restored to him, and, they refusing to pitch on reprizals for that purpose, praying a commission to

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some persons empowering them to reprize the said Adventurers and Soldiers. [*Ibid. p.* 72.]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. On the report dated 9 Dec. of the Lords of the Treasury on the reference to them of the report of the Duke of Ormonde on the petition of Moses Viridet, minister of the French church in Dublin, for liberty to French Protestants settling in Ireland to bring in their apparel, household stuff and utensils (all calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1441) direction that the same be sent back to their lordships to give the requisite orders in that matter. [2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 75.]

Dec. 20. Finnabrogue. Robert Maxwell to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland. In my last I gave you the best account I could get in one day and on further inquiry I find nothing to contradict what I then writ, for it seems plain to me that Camlin's information to Finiston cannot be true in all its circumstances, though I am apt to believe that in the main of his information there may be some truth, for it appeared plainly at the last rebellion at Bothwell Bridge great endeavours were used by that party to procure their brethren in this kingdom to join them by rising here at the same time, which, so far as I understand, nothing but their want of success hindered, and, now that they are taking the field again in Scotland, it is certain they are active here in promoting the same designs and to that end have many of turbulent spirits, who have been these several years blowing the coal of sedition among us and now seem to be more busy, being stirred up by their ministers, who of late seem more violent and dissatisfied and in some hopes that the rebels in Scotland may be prosperous, which appears to me not only by Finiston's information but by Caldwell's seditious paper and by the examinations lately taken in Antrim by Mr. Dobbs. It is observable that both Camlin and Caldwell are sheltered by that party, who, if they were innocent, would certainly be so far from supporting them that they would use all means to bring them in that the odium might be taken off themselves. I am likewise informed that among the Presbyterians in this country the ordinary sort, that do not hold land to the value of 3 or 4 pounds *per annum*, are seldom seen at fairs or markets or anywhere abroad without swords and buff belts, which formerly they were not observed to wear, and yet it is hardly probable they have brought their designs to that ripeness as to be ready to take up arms, but, if some effectual course be not taken to suppress their meetings and banish their ministers and to prevent the coming over of persons from Scotland that cannot live peaceably there, without doubt they will in a little time attempt something that may be dangerous to the State, for it is plain that the damnable principles of the sweet singers and the worst of Fanatics are daily increasing in this

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country, for most of those that lately came out of Scotland are of that persuasion.

By this post Sir Robert Colvill sends up a full account of what has happened since the first information of this design. [2 *pages. S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 343, *No.* 165.]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. I have yours of the 5th and 10th to acknowledge. In the former, amongst other matters, you give an account that the Sheriffs of Cork had by violence served a writ on Col. Owen, who is the King's prisoner there, on which his Majesty directs me to tell you that he thinks that matter ought to be inquired into and the Sheriffs punished.

With yours of the 10th I received several informations about some treasonable designs in Ireland, which I laid before his Majesty. He commands me to tell you he is well assured of your care and vigilance in giving orders requisite for the discovery of that matter and for preventing the ill consequences thereof and therefore does not send you any particular directions, only he would not have you give leave to any officers of the army to come out of Ireland. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 39.]

Dec. 21. Offchurch Bury. Sir John Knightley to Lord [Sunderland]. The severe distempers which have now confined me two years have rendered me so incapable of paying my duties to you that I am bound to admire your goodness in appearing for so undeserving a person. I acknowledge his Majesty's favour and bounty but I doubt I must be still a suffering unfortunate unless you be my patron and protector to Lord Godolphin and the other Lords of the Treasury and own me to Mr. Graham and Mr. Burton, to whom I am this day informed it is referred by their lordships. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 109.]

Dec. 22. The deposition of Mr. William Carstares when he was examined by the Lords of the Secret Committee and renewed upon oath 22 Dec., 1684, in presence of the lords of the Privy Council. (Printed in *State Trials, Vol. IX, cols.* 483–488.) [4 *pages. Printed. Ibid. No.* 110.]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. On the report of the Lords of the Treasury on the reference to them of the petition of Charles Gringand, purser of the *Royal Charles*, calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1453, direction that it be transmitted back to their lordships to give the requisite order for discharging the petitioner of the sum within mentioned. [*Over* 2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 72.]

Dec. 22. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Corporation of Worcester as for the petitions of the other towns. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 81.]

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Dec. 22. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Simon Parry for a grant of 106*l.* brought in to the Clerk of the Peace, being his Majesty's part for a fine set on the Earl of Clare. [*Ibid. p.* 87.]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. Pardon to Thomas Montgomery, barrister of the Middle Temple, for killing Walter Norborne. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 399.]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. Warrant in the usual form for a regrant to the Founders' Company of London of their former privilege of electing the Master, Wardens, Assistants and Clerk. Minute. [*Ibid.*] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads mentioned in the above warrant, with the names of the persons to be the first and present members of the company. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. Warrant in the usual form for a charter re-incorporating the town of Newcastle-on-Tyne. [*Ibid. p.* 400.] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads mentioned in the above warrant, with the names of the persons to be the first and present members of the corporation. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 23. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Mr. Andrew Newport, one of the Commissioners of the Customs, having made a voluntary surrender of his place, the King has conferred it on Mr. Chudleigh, now envoy at the Hague, whence he is suddenly expected here. Mr. Shelton (Skelton) is ordered from Hamburg to succeed him and Mr. Pooley from Ratisbon to Sweden.

Last Sunday died Lord Hawley, Gentleman of the Bedchamber to his Royal Highness, who has for some time been confined to his chamber by a very great weakness.

From Paris they write that the only news there is his Majesty's answer to the Pope's Nuncio on behalf of those of Genoa, wherein he was more than ordinary pressing for an accommodation and used such expressions as were not pleasing. His Majesty told him in plain terms, that he would sooner remit all the other conditions on which he insisted than not have the Doge and four Senators sent to him and that, if they did not embrace his offer, he would not hearken to any further proposals but immediately give order for doubling the equipage both by sea and land, which he had before given order for. This great monarch, though in times of peace, has ordered the reformed officers that served in the late campaign to be continued in half pay and to be obliged to appear on the first summons.

They write from the Hague that great troubles were like to be among the Provinces about the business of Dort, each party endeavouring by all means possible to maintain the point in dispute being of the highest consequence, for it concerns no less

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than the preservation of the Prince of Orange's prerogative and the freedom of the cities in the choice of their magistrates. They say likewise that an apartment is making ready for the reception of the Duke of Monmouth. As the debts of the States are great, great endeavours are used to manage the revenues for the payment of them and many proposals have been made in the States of Holland for paying them, as lessening several great charges, taking off pensions, disbanding of forces, etc. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 121.]

Dec. 24. Whitehall. On the report dated 10 Nov. of the Lords of the Treasury on the reference to them of the petition of Edward Wigg, calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1391, his Majesty, being fully satisfied of Mr. Wigg's good services mentioned therein, for his present gratification recommends him to the Lords of the Treasury to place him in as good an employment in the revenue as they shall find him qualified for. [*Nearly* 2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 77.]

Dec. 24. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Thomas Eyre, showing that in Oct., 1682, it was found by inquisition at Derby that his father purchased several lands in the parish of Ashbourne of the yearly value of about 120*l.* to superstitious uses and that the petitioner had applied the profits thereof to such uses and that at the last Derby assizes a verdict was given against him, whereas his father bought them *bona fide* and not to any superstitious uses and the petitioner has constantly received the profits of them to his own use, which at the trial could not be made out in regard that the witnesses who could prove the same were then at York assizes, and praying, in regard that estate is a considerable part of his fortune now much reduced by his sufferings for his Majesty and his father to the value of 40,000*l.*, an order to the Attorney General to consent to a new trial, to the event of which he will gratefully submit. [*Ibid. p.* 78.]

Dec. 24. Whitehall. Reference to Sir Christopher Wren, Surveyor General, of the petition of Elizabeth Sandys, widow and executrix of Windsor Sandys, for leave to build a cistern at the side of the old cistern 45 feet long and 25 broad within or under the ground and to be arched over as the other is, which is under the Earl of Arlington's wall, for conveying the water courses in or near Hyde Park. [*Ibid. p.* 79.]

Dec. 24. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Richard Peirce, one of the searchers of the Custom House at London, for power to execute that office by a deputy as others, his brethren, have, his Majesty being disposed to gratify the petitioner. [*Ibid. p.* 81.]

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Dec. 24. Whitehall. Warrant for a patent constituting the Earl of Rochester Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in the same words *mutatis mutandis* as that to the Duke of Ormonde except only the addition of this clause:—*concessione et dispositione omnium commissionum officiariis exercitus nostri in dicto regno salva semper nobis et omnino reservata*. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 402.]

Dec. 24. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, for causing to be engrossed and presented to the King a true account of the present state of the revenue within the Duchy with the fees, stipends, salaries and expenses issuing out of the same, as also of the sums he has caused to be retrenched thereout since he has been Chancellor. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 24. Whitehall. Pardon to Henry St. John for and concerning the killing of Sir William Escott. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 24. Like pardon to Edmund Webb for the same. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 403.]

Dec. 24. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. A session of Parliament being indicted to meet 10 March next and seeing that our brother cannot stay so long nor is it fit to keep the members so long together that 60 days may run from their first meeting before the processes necessary to be raised against such as are accessory to the late conspiracy and other crimes of treason can come in, we therefore command our Advocate to raise processes before that session of Parliament immediately after sight hereof against all in the list enclosed, and we recommend to you to give likewise a warrant in the Privy Council for pursuing them in the ordinary form and that on this warrant a summons be raised under the quarter seal and another in the same forms usually observed in parliaments. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 68.] *Enclosed, The said list.* (*Printed in Wodrow, Vol. IV, p.* 131.) [*Ibid. p.* 70.]

Wednesday, Dec. 24. Dublin Castle. The Lord Lieutenant to the Earl of Sunderland. I lately transmitted two examinations of Alexander Finiston, charging Robert Comlin with being a rider up and down the North to give notice of the time and place of rendezvous for an insurrection and Lieut. Gawen Hamilton with being to command the party. I have now received a third of the same man, wherein he professes himself of the Church of England and that he never frequented conventicles and then persists in his former information and seems very constant to himself in what he had before twice deposed, and yet the honest and understanding gentlemen employed in this service, who live near the place, are of opinion that this information cannot be true in all its circumstances,

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though in the main they are satisfied that many of the party are at work secretly and endeavouring to embroil us afresh if they can. I send a letter from a good intelligent man in those parts to the Lord Chancellor, in which you will see his sense of it. To-day I learn from Sir Robert Colvill that Comlin is taken and in prison and that Lieut. Hamilton, the other party accused, has been very industrious in searching after him and the chief cause of his apprehension. Sir Robert's opinion is that he is either a fool or a madman or a very great knave but he rather believes the former, for he found him very inconsistent and often contradicting what he had just before said and in any of the things in which he contradicted himself he could not observe design either for his own or any other's advantage, but on the whole he flatly denies any such discourse as he is accused to have had with Finiston. If I find any thing material in the examinations I will send them and will omit nothing that shall be for the King's service. [2 *pages*. *S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 343, *No.* 166.]

Dec. 26. Whitehall. Royal assent to the election by the Dean and Chapter of Wells of Thomas Ken, D.D., to be Bishop of that see. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 105.]

Dec. 26. St. James'. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. (Printed in *Dalrymple, Vol. II, Appendix, Part I, p.* 65.) [*Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 116.]

Dec. 27. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Lord Jermyn. I have yours in favour of Monsieur Falle and having moved his Majesty on it he approved very well of your promise to him of the benefice of St. Saviour's, when it shall become vacant, and accordingly I have directed a *caveat* to be entered that nothing may pass in prejudice thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 153.]

Dec. 27. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Thomas Dowcett for a grant of a yearly pension of 36*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* to be paid out of the tenths of the diocese and bishopric of Gloucester for seven years or what term his Majesty shall think fit, in consideration of his services during the last Dutch war and his complying with his Majesty's pleasure in waiving his pretensions to Lister's Lodge. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 80.]

Dec. 27. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. His Majesty, being given to understand that a great number of his subjects, who have preferred their petitions to the Commissioners for Defective Titles, are now attending at Dublin and that others are daily coming, commands me to acquaint you that he thinks it for his service that some of the said Commissioners should constantly attend and therefore would have you recommend that

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matter to the care of Lord Chief Justice Keating, Sir Richard Reynells and Baron Worth, and his pleasure is that they be excused from going the circuits while this commission is depending and have their salaries and other allowances notwithstanding as if they went the circuits. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p* 40.]

Dec. 29. Whitehall. Reference to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench of the petition of Robert White praying to be continued Clerk of the Bakers' Company, London, he having always behaved faithfully and loyally, being informed that another person is nominated in the warrant for a new charter to that Company. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 82.]

Dec. 29. Whitehall. On the report of the Lords of the Treasury on the reference to them of the petition of Francis Gwyn for a lease of certain lands in Surrey gained by encroachments from the Thames and concealments from the Crown, calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1468, direction that the same be transmitted back to their lordships to give order for a lease of the premises according to the said report to the petitioner or his nominees. [2 *pages. Ibid.*]

Dec. 29. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of a baronetcy of England to William Soame and the heirs male of his body, with a discharge of services to be performed in respect of the said dignity and of payments in lieu thereof. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 403.]

Dec. 29. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter in the usual form re-incorporating the borough of Devizes, Wiltshire. [*Ibid.*] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads mentioned in the above warrant, with the names of the persons to be the first and present members of the corporation. [2 *pages. Ibid.*]

Dec. 29. Whitehall. Warrant for a remission to Commissar Alexander Monro of Bearcrofts of the crimes of treason and all other crimes before the date hereof and particularly his accession to any intended rising in rebellion or corresponding with any persons in or from England, restoring him to his fame and reputation and his estate both personal and real. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 71.]

Dec. 29. Whitehall. Warrant for a remission to William Spence of all crimes before the date hereof and particularly for any treasonable corresponding with the late Earl of Argyle or any other traitors or his being in accession to the intended raising of any rebellion either in Scotland or England, restoring him to his fame and reputation and enabling him to possess and succeed as if he had never committed any of the said crimes. [*Ibid. p.* 72.]

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Dec. 29. Whitehall. Warrants for protections in the ordinary form to Alexander Drummond, advocate, George Drummond, burgess of Glasgow, and William Anderson, son to William Anderson, late Provost of Glasgow, for two years respectively. [*Ibid. pp.* 74, 75.]

Dec. 30. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Henry St. John and Edmund Webb praying his Majesty, having signed a warrant for their pardon, they being convicted of killing Sir William Escott, to extend his further grace by granting them a restitution of their lands and goods. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 81.]

Dec. 30. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Henry Thornhill for a gift to him of the fine of 500 marks set on Dr. Boreman the last summer assizes at Maidstone for speaking seditious words. [*Ibid. p.* 82.]

Dec. 30. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Saywell, messenger, after reciting that information has been given that John and Job How, Mary Holmes, Peter de Mooy and John Redish have printed, published and dispersed several dangerous and seditious libels, for apprehending and bringing them before the Earl of Sunderland to answer the premises, and also to seize and bring away their papers and writings. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 406.]

Dec. 30. Whitehall. Warrant to the same to search for Col. Danvers, now or late of Newington, against whom information has been given that he is concerned in several dangerous and treasonable practices, and to apprehend him with his papers and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland to answer to what shall be objected against him touching the premises. [*Ibid.*]

Dec. 30. Whitehall. The King to the Duke of Hamilton, Heretable Keeper of Holyrood House. Warrant for settling John, Earl of Kintore, appointed Treasurer Deput in the place of John Drummond of Lundin, in all those lodgings in Holyrood House ordered by the letter of 16 June last for the use of the said John Drummond of Lundin, then Treasurer Deput. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 76.]

Dec. 30. Whitehall. Warrants for protections to John Skeen of Halyards and to James Drummond, son to Drummond of Carlourie, for two years respectively. [*Docquets. Ibid. p.* 77.]

Dec. 31. Whitehall. Warrant in the usual form for re-incorporating the borough of Newark-on-Trent. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 409.] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads mentioned in the above warrant, with the names of the persons to be the first and present members of the corporation. [*Ibid.*]

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Dec. Whitehall. Commission to Lewis Alexander to be ensign of Capt. Richard Pope's company in the Coldstreamers. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 132.]

[1684, Dec. ?] Sir John Cordell, Thomas Waldegrave and Joseph Hull to the King. Petition that no new charter be granted to Sudbury till they be heard. A *Quo warranto* having been brought against that corporation, they are informed that the corporation intend to surrender their charter and get a new one with design to continue the government thereof in the same hands it now is. (New charter granted 5 March, 1684–5.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 111.]

1684. [The Bishop of London] to [? the Earl of Sunderland]. The parish of St. Martin's in the Fields complains that the Florentine Resident in Leicester Fields has for the last six weeks permitted a priest to preach and catechize in English in his house every day to the enticing of many to resort thither. [*Ibid. No.* 112.]

[1684 ?] Complaint by John Osborne and four others to the Governors of the [Charter]house, that notwithstanding their order of 4 Aug., 1684, forbidding their tenants in Bartholomew fair to hold raffles and lotteries, the same being prejudicial to the loyal indigent officers to whom the King has granted the sole use of lotteries, the same is continued, and that, they having proceeded against them before the Lord Mayor, Benjamin Edwards, clerk of the hospital, whom they had paid for drawing up the said order, appeared against them, which is of great disadvantage to their cause. [*Ibid. No.* 113.]

[1684 ?] Jane Chapman, widow, who was the widow of John Pendrell (*ob.* 1683 according to Fea, *The Flight of the King*, one of the five who assisted in his Majesty's escape to Boscobel, near the Royal Oak), to the King. Petition stating that his Majesty ordered a reference of her late petition for a supply to the Lords of the Treasury, since which she has been a daily waiter at the Treasury but has received no answer or relief. [*Ibid. No.* 114.]

William Pendrell to the King. Petition for some addition to his former royal bounty, having some debts and many children to provide for, it being the last time he shall ever trouble him, being now 72 years of age. (According to Fea, *op. cit.*, Pendrell died in 1700, aged over 84.) [*Ibid. No.* 115.]

[1684 ?] Peter Shakerley, Governor of Chester Castle, to the King. Petition for a grant of the temporary and undisposed of revenue of 400*l.* a year for five years out of the estate of Sir Thomas Preston payable by Thomas Preston of Holker (leased to him for seven years from Lady Day, 1683, see *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII*,

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p. 842). He has not the pay of a captain, as other governors have, nor anything instead, and his necessary expenses are greater than in most garrisons, the port being the common passage of persons of honour and quality from Dublin to the Court. He desires no more than that the narrowness of his estate may not render him uncapable of carrying on his services amongst the citizens against the lavish treats and caresses of an ungrateful deserter of his Majesty's interest. [*Ibid. No.* 116.]

Bill for fees in Tooley *v.* Dye in Trinity and Michaelmas terms 1684. [*Ibid. No.* 117.]

List of judgments, etc., for the aulnage duty between 27 Edw. III and 36 Car. II. [*Ibid. No.* 118.]

PASSES TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IN 1684.

Date.	*Name.*	*Place.*	*Reference.*
Jan. 3.	Balthasar Bohme.	Parts beyond seas.	*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 74.
Feb. 11.	John Pleadwell and Joseph Hill.	Flanders.	*Ibid. p.* 81.
Feb. 17.	Madame de Lesconvell, Mademoiselle Dromer, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Chastillon and two footmen.	France.	*Ibid.*
Feb. 18.	Guillaume de Riotort, a gentleman belonging to the Prince de Richmont.	France.	*Ibid. p.* 82.
,,	The Sieurs Guillaume de Carné, René de Carné, Guillaume Kermadec, Jean Bertrand and Pierre de Launay with 3 servants.	France.	*Ibid.*
April 4.	John Pleadwell and Joseph Hill.	Parts beyond seas.	*Ibid. p.* 98.
,,	Sir Thomas Samuell and his lady with 6 servants.	France.	*Ibid. p.* 99.
April 9.	Thomas St. Johns with his servant John Jones and 4 horses.	France.	*Ibid.*
April 14.	Countess of Pembroke and a child of Madame de Richelieu with 17 servants.	France.	*Ibid. p.* 103.
April 29.	The Sieur de Carlin and Marie de Selly with 5 servants and 6 horses.	Parts beyond seas.	*Ibid. p.* 115.
May 1.	William Fitzgerald and 2 servants.	Holland.	*Ibid. p.* 116.
June 28.	James Monro.	Parts beyond seas.	*Ibid. p.* 153.
,,	Henry Jacobson and his wife with 2 servants.	Parts beyond seas.	*Ibid. p.* 155.
July 5.	Eleonor Duir and Mary Butler.	Ireland.	*Ibid. p.* 158.

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Date.	*Name.*	*Place.*	*Reference.*
July 8.	William Blissett with one servant.	Parts beyond seas.	*Ibid. p.* 160.
Aug. 4.	Heneage, Earl of Winchelsea.	Parts beyond seas.	*Ibid. p.* 176.
Aug. 8.	John Trefrye.	France.	*Ibid. p.* 178.
Aug. 16.	John Abell with his servant.	Parts beyond seas.	*Ibid. p.* 180.
Aug. 25.	Sir William Drake, his wife and children with their servants.	Parts beyond seas.	*Ibid. p.* 185.
Oct. 10.	The Sieur van Citters, Ambassador from the States General.	Holland.	*Ibid. p.* 214.
Nov. 15.	Don Joseph Ciruelo.	Parts beyond seas.	*Ibid. p.* 238.
Dec. 19.	Henrietta, Countess Dowager of Pembroke, and Francis Gwyn.	Parts beyond seas.	*Ibid. p.* 390.

NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR.

The *London Gazette* published twice a week from *No.* 1891 (from Monday, December 31, 1683, to Thursday, January 3, 1683–4) to *No.* 1995 (from Monday, December 29, 1684, to Thursday, January 1, 1684–5).

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Jan. 1. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Roger L'Estrange. Having acquainted the King with your account of your examining the persons taken up for printing and publishing the treasonable libel concerning the late Earl of Essex, he is very well satisfied with it and would have you proceed to make what further discovery you can. He would have the persons in custody committed to be proceeded against, leaving it however to you to use any of them as witnesses, if requisite, who are therefore to be more favourably dealt with. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 154.]

Jan. 1. Whitehall. Commission to John Morray to be first lieutenant of Capt. Robert Hodges' company of grenadiers belonging to the Royal Regiment of Foot. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 69, *p.* 123.]

Jan. 1. Whitehall. Commissions to John Bennerman to be second lieutenant to Capt. Andrew Monro and to Patrick Robinson to be second lieutenant and to Robert Arbuthnot to be ensign to Major Robert Douglas, all in the same regiment. Minutes. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 1. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir William Neale showing that a former petition for a grant of such concealed lands, encroachments and wastes in the lordship

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and manor of Denbigh as belong to his Majesty was referred to the Lords of the Treasury, who directed a commission to be issued on the return of which several encroachments appeared, but that there are many more not discovered, and praying a grant of Rudland marsh and the concealed lands which are or shall be discovered in the said manor and the counties of Denbigh and Flint. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 85.]

Jan. 1. Whitehall. Commissions to John Drake to be lieutenant to Capt. John Miller and to John Sheppard to be ensign to Capt. William Cholmondley, both in the Coldstreamers. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 134.]

Jan. 1. Whitehall. Commission to Edward Carew to be town major of the town and garrison of Kingston-upon-Hull. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 1. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. I have yours of the 17th and 24th with the examinations of Finiston, Hamilton and Col. Owen, with an account of Ramsey, a Scotchman, all which I have acquainted his Majesty with, who approves very much of the method you have put those matters in in order to discover what practices or designs may be on foot for disturbing the quiet of that kingdom, and therefore he has nothing particular to direct you as to the information of Finiston but leaves it wholly to your care to proceed therein as you shall see cause. As to Col. Owen and Ramsey he has not yet resolved what he would have done with them, but I presume in a post or two I shall be able to let you know his pleasure about them. In the meantime they should be continued in custody. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 41.]

Jan. 2. Commission to John Auckmooty to be adjutant to the Royal Regiment of Foot. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 69, *p.* 126.]

Jan. 2. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of John Bellingham, groom of the Privy Chamber, for a patent for an invention for making square window glass for sashes and coaches excelling the Normandy for strength and clearness. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 85.]

Jan. 2. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Saywell, messenger, to search and apprehend Henry Care with his papers and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland to be examined concerning the writing or publishing of several treasonable and dangerous libels whereof he stands accused. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 407.]

Jan. 2. Whitehall. Blank warrants to Thomas Atterbury and Thomas Saywell in the same form as the above warrant. [*Ibid. p.* 408.]

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Jan. 2. Whitehall. Warrant for a patent for fourteen years to John Bellingham, one of the grooms of the Privy Chamber, for his new invention for making square window glass for sashes and coaches excelling the Normandy for strength and clearness. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 2. Whitehall. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. (Printed in *Dalrymple, Vol. II, Appendix, Part I, p.* 66). [*S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 117.]

Jan. 3. Whitehall. Dispensation for Sir John Mill, High Sheriff of the county of Southampton, to be out of his county. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 117.]

Jan. 3. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of the Pinmakers' Company of London showing that his Majesty for preventing abuses in that Company entered into a contract with them to prepare a stock of 20,000*l.*, whereby to furnish them with sufficient quantities of wire, which they should buy of his Majesty and no other, with other covenants, which having not since been executed they pray that his Majesty will constitute such persons as he shall think fit, who are able to advance the stock of 20,000*l.* aforesaid, to be his Commissioners. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 86.]

Jan. 3. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Michael Levy for a stay of proceedings at law for misdemeanours committed by William Plumb at his persuasion tending to his Majesty's loss in seizures of uncustomed and prohibited goods and for a pardon on making satisfaction for the said damage. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 3. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Last Thursday night died Sir Harbottle Grimston, Master of the Rolls, being very aged. Several persons of quality pretend to that great place, it being reputed worth 4 or 5,000*l. per annum*, amongst whom are said to be the Earl of Clarendon, the Attorney General and the Solicitor General, etc., but it is uncertain who will carry it.

On Wednesday Lady Elizabeth Spencer, the Earl of Sunderland's youngest daughter, was married to Lord Clancarty, an Irish nobleman having an estate of above 7,000*l. per annum*.

His Majesty has appointed Lord Lundin to be Secretary of State for Scotland in conjunction with the Earl of Moray.

Hague, Jan. 9.—Last Saturday night arrived here the Duke of Monmouth from Brussels, who was immediately complimented by the Prince of Orange to the great admiration of most people, who not only offered him his lodging in the house belonging to the old Princes of Orange but to accommodate him with his own domestic servants, which he has not yet accepted, for he still lodged in a public inn. Those of Amsterdam to secure themselves

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from any surprise from without, which they seem to apprehend during this frosty weather, ordered a number of men to break the ice and to fling water on the ramparts and all the fortifications that it might make them so slippery that there might be no standing, the news whereof being brought to the Hague caused great laughter. The difference between the Prince and the city of Dort is not yet determined. Those of Amsterdam have sent to the Prince to desire him to forbear any farther proceedings till the States of Holland meet, which he refused, for he has since displaced the Scout of Dort and put in another.

At Edinburgh were printed the depositions of William Carstaires signed by the Lord Chancellor, Queensberry and Atholl. The paper is reprinted here and it appears by the said depositions that the late conspiracy was carried on in the same manner in Scotland as was deposed here by Lord Howard and Mr. Shepard, Carstaires affirming that he had discoursed with Lord Russell, etc, about it.

From Genoa they write that Count Mellgard, Governor of Milan, was arrived there, accompanied by the chief of his military officers. He had visited all the posts of the city as well towards the sea as land. He has assured the republic that they may rely on 60,000 Neapolitans and all the forces in Milan for their assistance. Besides the King of Spain will assist them with 36 galleys and a fleet of men-of-war. They have made trial of several mortar pieces of a new invention, which carry bombs two miles and a half. Several of the most eminent persons in Genoa freely give 5 or 6,000 crowns apiece for the service of the republic and to maintain war against France, if the Most Christian King force them to a war.

The snow is so deep in many parts of the West of England that many persons perished therein. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 122.]

Jan. 4. The Bishop of Oxford to Lord [Sunderland]. According to your commands I have ordered Lord Clancarty's groom to bring up his horses. As to his accounts they are only known to Mr. Woodward, who was appointed governor by Lady Clancarty and went with my lord to London. Most of my lord's goods are locked up in his lodgings and I conceive some one who had charge of them should be responsible for them lest things be embezzled. I have only to add my wishes that what is done may be to the lasting satisfaction of both your families. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 119.]

Jan. 4. Commissions to Thomas Russell to be ensign to the major's company of trained bands of Dover in the first regiment of the Cinque Ports and to Robert Knowles to be lieutenant of the company of trained bands of Feversham in the second regiment of the Cinque Ports. *With note* that the last commission was

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new signed by King James dated 6 March, 1684–5. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 69, *p.* 122.]

Jan. 5. Whitehall. On the petition of the Stationers' Company, London, praying his Majesty to appoint such licensers for authorizing all books and papers hereafter to be printed or reprinted in such manner as was formerly set forth by a decree of Star Chamber and afterwards by a late Act of Parliament as to his wisdom shall seem meet and that he would prescribe such other measures for the government of their Company as may enable them to discharge their duty in suppressing libels, etc., reference to Roger L'Estrange, Surveyor of the Press, to consider of and propose such provisions as may be requisite for regulating the Press and preventing as well as suppressing all seditious and scandalous books, libels and papers. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 87.]

Jan. 5. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter re-incorporating the Goldsmiths' Company of London. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 411.] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads mentioned in the above warrant with the names of the persons to be the present members of the Company. [2¼ *pages. Ibid.*]

Jan. 5. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Sir Stephen Fox and Peircy Kirke, their heirs and assigns for ever of the office of register in Chancery in reversion after the decease of Baptist May, the Duke of Monmouth, Charles, Lord Cornwallis, and Thomas Felton and the survivor of them, upon such trust as his Majesty shall declare concerning the same by writing under the signet and sign manual. [*Ibid. p.* 414.]

Jan. 5. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to the same persons as the last of the office of Master, Surveyor or Keeper of the Hawks in reversion after the decease of Thomas Felton and William Chiffinch and the survivor of them, upon such trust as his Majesty shall declare concerning the same by writing under the signet and sign manual. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 5. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of the office of clerk of the treasury in the Court of Common Pleas to Henry, Duke of Grafton, and Charles, Earl of Euston, his son, for their lives and the life of the survivor from and immediately after the death or removal of Sir Thomas Jones, the present Chief Justice. [*Ibid. p.* 415.]

Jan. 5. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to search for Robert Hackshaw, a merchant, and to seize him with his papers and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland or Roger L'Estrange to be examined concerning what shall be objected against him concerning the dispersing of treasonable and dangerous libels. [*Ibid. p.* 420.]

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Jan. 6. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir John Knightley. Your late petition to his Majesty gave me occasion to mind him of your great zeal on all occasions for his service, whereof he is very well satisfied, and therefore I shall willingly speak to Lord Godolphin, as you desire, to further that concern, so as it may be effectual to you. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 154.]

Jan. 6. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, Sir David Falconer of Newtoun, President, and the remanent Senators of the College of Justice. Whereas the Duchess of Lauderdale has represented that the Earl of Lauderdale and Lord Maitland by a bond have not only ratified a disposition of certain lands and other deeds done in her favour by the late Duke, her husband, but likewise obliged themselves to relieve her of all debts and incumbrances whatever, which might affect the lands and others disponed to her by the said Duke, yet she having charged the said Earl and Lord Maitland to fulfil the bond above-mentioned, you first suspended the said charge and since have by your interloquitor found the reason of suspension relevant, bearing that the said bond being granted by the suspenders in contemplation of their succeeding to the tailzied estate and that they are excluded and cannot enter heirs of tailzie by reason of an expired comprising of the tailzied lands, which was expired at the time of making the said tailzie (? bond), unless the charger's procutors will offer to prove by the said Earl's oath or by write that at the time of his granting the said bond he knew that the said apprising was expired, and assigning 1 March next to the charger's procutors for proving the same and granting incidents to the suspenders against the havers for recovering the said apprising and right thereto, by which interloquitor the estate given by the late Duke to the said Duchess is laid open to all his creditors notwithstanding the said bond expressly to the contrary, we therefore require you to inform us of your reasons for giving the said interloquitor, that we may take measures to free us from further trouble in this matter. In the meantime we order you to prolong the time assigned for probation, viz., 1 March next, till our further pleasure be known. [1½ *pages. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 78.]

Jan. 6. Whitehall. The King to the Duke of Hamilton, Heretable Keeper of Holyrood House. Warrant for preparing the said palace for the reception of the Duke of Albany and York, the High Commissioner, who is to hold the parliament 10 March next, and for the conveniency of his servants against 1 March next by removing those in possession of lodgings there except the Earl of Perth and the Duke of Queensberry, allowing himself to retain the lodgings he now possesses except the part formerly possessed by the Countess of Peterborough. [*Ibid. p.* 80.]

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Jan. 6. Whitehall. The King to the Duke of Queensberry, Treasurer. Warrant after reciting the above letter for making all needful reparations in the said lodgings. [*Ibid. p.* 81.] *Enclosed,*

Jan. 6. Whitehall. *List of his Royal Highness' servants for whom his Majesty has appointed lodgings to be provided in Holyrood House.* [*Ibid. p.* 82.]

Jan. 7. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Nathaniel Thompson, D.D., of the deanery of Bristol. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 105.]

Jan. 7. Whitehall. Warrant for a confirmation to Sir James Butler, Attorney General to the Queen, of her grant to him dated 1 May last of the office of Master, Keeper and Governor of the hospital or free chapel of St. Katherine near the Tower, vacant by the death of Viscount Brouncker, the late Master, for his life, with a dispensation to him for holding the premises though he be not in Holy Orders but with a proviso that divine worship, alms and all works of piety and other duties of the said hospital be duly performed. [*Nearly 2 pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 117.]

Jan. 7. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and corporation of St. Albans for a grant of a new charter, they having surrendered their old one. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 88.]

Jan. 7. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger to make strict search for —— Jenkins, against whom information has been given of several treasonable and dangerous practices, and to seize him with his papers and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland to be examined concerning the premises. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 416.]

Jan. 7. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter in the usual form re-incorporating the town of Shrewsbury. [*Ibid. p.* 417.] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads mentioned in the above warrant with the names of the persons to be the first and present members of the corporation. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 7. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Saywell, messenger, to make strict search for Edward Berry and —— and having found them or any of them to apprehend them with their papers and bring them before the Earl of Sunderland or Roger L'Estrange to be examined concerning what shall be objected against them concerning the dispersing of treasonable and dangerous libels, whereof they stand accused. [*Ibid. p.* 418.]

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Wednesday, Jan. 7. Dublin Castle. The Lord Lieutenant to the Earl of Sunderland. A little while after my return I gave Capt. Lewis Dyves leave to resign his captaincy of a foot company in Col. Fairfax's regiment and last Sept. a commission was drawn and signed for Lieut. Henry Pagett, a son of Lord Pagett, who has served many years in the Royal Regiment, to succeed him, but it was deposited in my secretary's hands till the conditions should be performed between them, but, Lieut. Pagett not being able to make good his articles, Capt. Dyves has now solicited me for leave to resign to another fit person. I conceive myself bound by the King's commands, so that it does not now lie in my power to give way, but have thus stated his case and desire you to represent it to the King in his favour. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 343, *No.* 167.]

Jan. 8. Hull. The Earl of Plymouth to Lord [Sunderland]. The express I sent hither before me arrived here on Tuesday night, which directed the doubling of the guards and a great care of dangerous persons that might come hither, in which posture I found this garrison and I shall so continue it, as long as there shall be reason. By the best inquiries I could make in the countries I came through I met with great sadness but, as I thought, with very peaceable intentions. The like I find here and I am informed the adjacent parts are of the same temper. I sent by an express the orders I received last Monday from you into Worcestershire and the last by the post on Wednesday. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 120.]

Jan. 8. Whitehall. Reference to the Archbishop of Canterbury of the petition of Baptista Levins, D.D., chaplain in ordinary to his Majesty and nominate Bishop of the Isle of Man and Sodor, in regard the profits of that bishopric are not sufficient to support the dignity episcopal, for a warrant to hold in *commendam* with the said bishopric the rectory of Christian Malford in Wiltshire and the small prebend of Haselbeare in Wells Cathedral, with licence of permutation of either of them for any other benefice or dignity of like nature, and likewise to receive and retain any other one benefice and one dignity that he shall be presented or collated to with the said rectory and prebend or such as he shall change for together with the said bishopric, provided that he hold not more than two benefices with cure of souls at the same time. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 88.]

Jan. 8. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to search for —— Ellis and —— Antrobus, against whom information has been given of publishing and dispersing several treasonable and seditious libels, and for taking them into custody and bringing them before [the Earl of Sunderland] or any Justice, to be examined concerning the premises. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 419.]

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Jan. 8. Whitehall. The King to the Duke of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and the Earl of Kintore, Treasurer Deput. Warrant for providing new liveries for the trumpeters and kettle-drummer of the troop of Guard and also for the ordinary trumpeters, who have not received liveries for several years, before the arrival of the High Commissioner, and also for providing a pair of kettle-drums against the time aforesaid, none having been furnished to the said troop of Guard since those given at the first raising thereof under the command of the deceased Earl of Newburgh, which are very much worn. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 83.]

Jan. 8. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter to Thomas Chalmers, eldest son to the deceased James Chalmers, advocate, in life rent and to John Chalmers, his eldest son, and the heirs male of his body in fee with remainders over of the manor place and town and lands of Gogar and Eastermaines of Gogar and to the said Thomas Chalmers, his heirs and assigns of the remainder of the lands of Gogar in the parish of Corstorphin and shirefdome of Edinburgh on the resignations of Sir John Coupar of Gogar and Thomas Robertson, merchant in Edinburgh, and Marion Cleghorn, his spouse, with a new gift and an union of the premises into the barony of Gogar and with a ratification of a yearly rent of 1,200*l.* Scots for a liferent provision to Mary Couper during her lifetime out of the manorplace and Eastermaines of Gogar. [*Docquet.* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 84.]

Jan. 8. Jersey. Lord Jermyn to Lord [Sunderland]. I received yours of 15 Nov. and am much rejoiced to hear his Majesty is pleased with our good correspondence. I have acquainted Mr. Raleigh that the King has directed Sir John Lanier to part with his company to him, who desires that his Majesty will allow him to sell his command, which the ensign to the company designs to buy and sell his ensigncy to James Allix. In my opinion he is as well qualified for that employment as any I know and, if I had not more than ordinary experience of him, I would not have said so much.

I perceive also by your Lordship's that the matter between Sir John Lanier and myself is referred to the Committee for Jersey and Guernsey. Some proceedings have already been done in this court in order thereto, but, now I understand his Majesty's pleasure is to refer it otherwise, I shall willingly let it fall here and I believe, when I come to England, we shall refer it to some friends rather than trouble the Committee with so small a dispute. If the King will give me leave to come over to take some care of what I left not well settled at my parting, I should be glad to make use of it next March. [2 *pages. S.P. Channel Islands* 1, *No.* 139.]

Jan. 9. Whitehall. Warrant to the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Steward, and the rest of the Board of Greencloth, after reciting that Samuel

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Cooper, the King's first and principal limner, lately deceased, drew and prepared several excellent and extraordinary original pictures or pieces of limning of a considerable value to be sold, which Christiana Cooper, his relict, has at the King's desire delivered into his possession, and that very great arrears are due to him in his life time and to her as his executrix as also to her since his death on their several pensions of 200*l. per annum*, from the payment of all which she is willing to discharge the Crown, in consideration of the premises and also of the delivery into the King's hands of eight choice and rare pictures as aforesaid, for payment to the said Christiana Cooper of 100*l. per annum* by four equal quarterly portions, the first payment to commence from Christmas, 1682, for her life, care being taken that she first discharge all arrears due to the said Samuel Cooper in his life or to her since his death. [2 *pages. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 50, *p.* 106.]

Jan. 9. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Earl of Bath, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, on behalf of the borough of Bradninch for a regrant to the corporation of their charter, which they have surrendered, with such alterations as his Majesty shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 91.]

Jan. 9. Like reference of the petitions of the said Earl on behalf of the boroughs of Penryn, Liskeard, West Looe, East Looe, Truro, Plympton, a stannary town and parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall, Grampound and Tregony. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 9. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to search for —— Whitaker and apprehend him with his papers and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland to be examined concerning several treasonable and dangerous practices whereof he stands accused. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 420.]

Jan. 9. Whitehall. Warrant to the same to search for —— Cornish, Nicholas Grigson, Alexander Hosea, Joseph Collins, Henry Jones and Roger Fisher, against whom information has been given that they have published and dispersed several treasonable and seditious libels, and to seize them with their papers and bring them before the Earl of Sunderland or Roger L'Estrange to be examined concerning the premises. [*Ibid. p.* 421.]

Jan. 9. Whitehall. Like warrants to the same for apprehending —— Norden and Michael Watts. [*Ibid. p.* 422.]

Jan. 9. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant during pleasure to Sir John Churchill of the office of Master of the Rolls and the custody of the house or hospital of converts anciently annexed to that office for a dwelling for the Master of the Rolls. [*Ibid. p.* 428.]

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Jan. 10. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Keeper. His Majesty would have you attend him here at my office at 5 to-morrow afternoon. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 155.]

Jan. 10. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of some of the loyal inhabitants of the corporation of Hadleigh, Suffolk, for a *Quo warranto* against that corporation, they having been guilty of several illegal actions and great oppressions, to give order for a *Quo warranto* forthwith against the said corporation if he shall think it fit for his Majesty's service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 89.]

Jan. 10. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury and Thomas Saywell, messengers, to search for John Whitaker and —— and to apprehend them and bring them before the Earl of Sunderland or Roger L'Estrange to be examined concerning certain dangerous and seditious correspondencies and practices. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 422.]

Jan. 10. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Flanders letters of the 11th bring an account that among the many projects proposed by the Marquis de Grana to the Court of Spain for maintaining the Spanish troops in Flanders that Court has consented that he shall use one, to his great satisfaction who doubts not to be able to maintain the troops [now] on foot in Flanders and to pay them constantly every month, in order to which he has published three placetts (placards) to regulate the disorder of the soldiers, in one of which, if they shall be found armed so many miles from their garrison, they shall be hanged in the place without any farther trial, and by another, if any person shall be robbed by a soldier, on oath made to the chief officer of the next garrison he shall have his money paid him again presently and the officer who commanded the guard that day shall have it deducted out of his pay.

Mr. St. Johns and Col. Webb are passing their patents under the seal and, as soon as they have their liberty, they will go abroad for some time.

The [authors and] dispersers of that damnable libel I formerly mentioned are all discovered. Several are . . . and will be brought to con[fess].

Lord Arran is preparing for Ireland. As soon as he arrives there, the Duke of Ormonde comes thence hither and leaves him Lord Deputy to deliver up that government to the Earl of Rochester, who, 'tis said, will part hence in March on the arrival of the new Lord Lieutenant. The Commissioners for the forces there are renewed and they will be passed here by Lord Sunderland and signed by his Majesty himself, which was never done before. Dr. Trumbull, who I formerly mentioned was to go first secretary to the Earl of Rochester, goes not, but Mr. Gwynne,

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secretary to Lord Conway and now one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber, goes in his stead . . . in order to which he has sold his place of Clerk of the Council to Sir Christopher Musgrave's son and Mr. Bridgeman is sworn Clerk of the Council in Sir Thomas Doleman's place, but Sir Thomas is to have the profits during his life. John Drummond, one of the Secretaries of State for Scotland and brother to the Earl of Perth, was sworn last Wednesday one of the Privy Council here.

Letters from Vienna of the 31st advise that an express [was arrived] there with an account that Count Teckely having resolved to join with the Bassaw of Agria who had formed [an army] of 6,000 men to attempt the relief of Neuhausel, which was in great necessity, General Schutz despatched some troops to find Count Teckely out, who had the good fortune to meet him and killed [many on] the place and made the rest prisoners and, had not the soldiers stayed too long in pillaging, they had taken both him and Count Nadasti, for they took his bed and baggage and a silver tr[unk in whi]ch were all his ciphers and private papers. The officer that brought this advice is now at Vienna. [3 *pages. Torn. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 123.]

Jan. 11. Whitehall. Warrant, after reciting that at the sessions holden 5 Jan. for trying all murders and other crimes committed within the royal palace or within the verge thereof Philip, Prince of Savoy, was found guilty of the manslaughter of Francis, Count Banier; for a pardon to the said Philip, Prince of Savoy, for the killing of the said Francis, Count Banier. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 295.]

Jan. 11. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge. His Majesty, having by his letters dated 15 Dec. last granted to Dr. John Standish his dispensation to hold his fellowship in your college with the rectory of Therfield for the next two years and being now given to understand that the Visitor of your college has by a private letter signified to you that his Majesty had consented that his said letters of dispensation should be laid aside and that thereon you have pronounced the said fellowship void, commands me to signify to you his dislike of that irregular proceeding of yours and his express pleasure that the said dispensation shall stand good and that Dr. Standish shall have the full benefit of it accordingly. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 155.]

Jan. 11. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to search for —— Beresford, Mistress Wilmore and Mistress Proctor, against whom information has been given that they have published and dispersed several treasonable and seditious libels, and to apprehend them with their papers and bring them before the Earl of Sunderland or Roger L'Estrange. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 423.]

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Jan. 12. Sheen. Sir William Temple to Lord [Sunderland]. I find by my wife on her being in town that a certain book which runs there is thought to be mine and I hear that both the Duke has said it and the King himself is apt to believe it. I should not however take notice of it but that I care as little to be valued for other men's wit as to answer for other men's faults, for I hear the thing is ingeniously writ and so as to make me believe the authors of it do not intend to be long unknown or reckon upon passing their lives as I do mine. That which troubles me is that having never yet broken my word with any man I should be thought to have so little duty or manners as to begin with the King, for upon my being put out of the Council I sent my son to let his Majesty know that I was very sorry if I had done anything to anger him, though I knew not what it was; however that I was resolved to pass the rest of my life like as good a private subject as any he had, but that for public business I would never meddle again with any, whilst I lived. And since this I have passed four years at home without any other design than of forgetting all public thoughts and being forgotten ever to have had them. I am sure I should sooner have thought of writing almanacks than any such books as this which passes for mine, for I take writing to be as much meddling in public affairs as any other sort of acting in them. I beg your justice both in believing me and helping me to pass for what I am, and then, whatever else I lose by it, I am sure of this advantage, that you will never doubt of my being always your lordship's most faithful and humble servant. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 121.]

Jan. 12. Newnham. The Earl of Denbigh to the Earl of Sunderland. On behalf of his brother, who is lieut.-colonel of the King's regiment of Guards, on this new establishment in Ireland requesting there be no change in his post, either to his being of the Council or any other of his military employments. [*Ibid. No.* 122.]

Jan. 12. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of the Mayor and Burgesses of Newcastle-on-Tyne for a grant that a piece of ground vested in his Majesty called the Castle Garth may be made parcel of the said town, the same being now parcel of the county of Northumberland and not subject to the government of the town but a receptacle to strangers and dissolute persons. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 90.]

Jan. 12. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter in the usual form re-incorporating the city of Worcester. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 424.]

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Paper of heads mentioned in the above warrant with the names of the persons to be the first and present members of the corporation. [*Nearly 2 pages. Ibid.*]

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Jan. 12. Whitehall. Warrant on the surrender of the letters patent granting to Sir Thomas Doleman the office of one of the Clerks of the Privy Council for his life for a grant of the said office to William Bridgeman during the joint lives of himself and the said Sir Thomas Doleman, and, if the said William Bridgeman die first, then the said office to be continued to the said Sir Thomas Doleman during his life and, if the said Sir Thomas Doleman die first, then the said office to be held by the said William Bridgeman during pleasure, with the fee of 250*l. per annum* payable quarterly to commence from Christmas last and all other rights and profits belonging to the said office. [*Ibid. p.* 426.]

Jan. 12. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant, after reciting the report of the Lords of the Treasury dated 23 Dec., 1684, and the documents prefixed thereto (all calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1469), for causing letters patent to be forthwith passed to Edward Fanning of lands in Clare mentioned in an alleged certificate of the Commissioners for the claims of transplanted persons in Connaught and Clare according to the tenor of the entry of the said certificate in the office of the Auditor General of Ireland without producing the original certificate, reserving the rents and reservations payable thereout. [3¼ *pages. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 353.]

Jan. 13. The quarter sessions at Warwick. The Earl of Denbigh and other Deputy Lieutenants and Justices to the Earl of Sunderland. Having formerly raised about 1,200*l.* for building a shire hall, gaol and house of correction, we find that under 200*l.* more will not finish the same, so as to be useful to the county. We therefore petition you to obtain for us his Majesty's grant that we may make use of so much of the moneys due to the militia and we shall take care from year to year to levy the said tax so that it shall be no inconvenience to the service. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 123.]

Jan. 13. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and corporation of Sudbury, Suffolk, for a new charter, they having surrendered their old one. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 92.]

Jan. 13. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Our last Scotch letters brought us a long proclamation importing that, several desperate rebels having associated themselves under a pretended form of government in societies and having in a late treasonable paper, which they affixed on several parish churches, entitled The Apologetical Declaration and Admonitory Vindication of the true Presbyterians of the Church of Scotland, disowned his Majesty and his authority and declared war against him, inferring that it's not only lawful but a duty to murder all that in any wise serve him and bear charge under him either in the courts of

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judicature or the army, therefore 'tis declared that whosoever shall own the said declaration or shall refuse to disown it shall be tried and executed, all subjects, especially the Southern and Western shires, being commanded to be ready to assist in searching for and apprehending all such persons and, by reason the said rebels lurk in secret and are never discerned but in the acts of their horrid assassinations, for the remedy thereof all subjects of that kingdom both men and women past the age of sixteen are required not to travel without certificates of their good principles, all heritors, etc., being commanded to convocate all the inhabitants on their lands in every parish and bring them before commissioners appointed by the Council, before whom every person is to take this oath: I do hereby abhor, renounce and disown the pretended declaration of war lately affixed at several parish churches, in so far as it declares a war against his Majesty and asserts that it is lawful to kill such as serve him in Church, State or any county. Every parish is to subscribe on a large sheet of paper and then the commissioners are to give each person the following testification, viz., We A. B. do by these testify that C. in the parish of D. compeared before us and on his or her solemn oath abhorred and renounced the late treasonable apologetical declaration, in so far as it declares war against his Majesty and asserts that it is lawful to kill all such as serve him, which is to serve for a free pass for all times hereafter, but such as travel without the said certificate shall be looked on as guilty of the treasonable declaration, this proclamation to be read in all parish churches and fifteen days after the heritors, etc., are to give in their lease to the ministers and all such as shall then be absent from their residences and their masters will not engage for their appearance by a certain day shall be considered as fugitives, their families seized in order to transportation, and their goods inventoried and secured. All innkeepers and other housekeepers are commanded not to lodge any person not having the said certificate on pain of punishment as resetters of rebels and for the prevention of fraud all that have certificates shall be obliged, if required, to swear that they are not forged and that they are the persons mentioned therein. Finally a reward of 500 merks Scots for each person apprehended and found guilty is promised to such as shall discover any of the said traitors or assassins or any that have been accessory in spreading the said treasonable declaration.

Mr. Bethell, who was fined 1,000 marks for the riot at Guildhall, has paid the fine and is now at liberty. The Duke of St. Albans is going for France to travel. The first day of term Sir John Churchill will take possession of his place of Master of the Rolls, his patent being now passing. Last Saturday Mr. Norden, master of a ship, was taken off the Exchange for bringing from Amsterdam a great number of libels relating to the death of the Earl of Essex and on Sunday Mr. Cornish, Mr. Hacshaw and some others were taken up by a messenger concerning the said libel.

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They two were discharged but the others are still in custody. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 124.]

Jan. 13. Whitehall. The King to Sir George Mackenzie of Tarbett, Lord Register. Warrant, after reciting that Mrs. Margaret Brisbane, daughter of Lord Napier, deceased, has an action to intent before the Parliament during the next session thereof against the Earl of Leven, for issuing and signing summons without any delay on threescore days at her instance against the said Earl for his compearance before the said Parliament to answer her action. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 86.]

Jan. 14. Whitehall. Warrant for a privy seal for payment to Sir Gabriel Sylvius, appointed Envoyé Extraordinary to the King of Denmark, of 500*l.* for his equipage and 5*l. per diem* for his entertainment, to commence from the day of his departure from the King's presence and to continue till the day of his return to the same, with such sums for intelligence, expresses and other secret services as shall be allowed by a Secretary of State. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 50, *p.* 107.]

Jan. 14. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of denization to Angelica Magdeleine, wife of Philip Wharton, an alien born. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 119.]

Jan. 14. Whitehall. Dispensation to Samuel Fortrey, High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, to be out of the said counties. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 14. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of George Porter for a grant to him of his personal estate forfeited by his conviction of manslaughter for killing Sir James Hackett. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 90.]

Jan. 14. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and Burgesses of Wilton for a regrant of their charter, which they have surrendered, with such additions as his Majesty shall think fit. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 14. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to search for Ferdinando Burly and apprehend him with his papers and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland or Roger L'Estrange to be examined concerning certain dangerous and seditious practices whereof he stands accused. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 428.]

Jan. 14. Whitehall. Warrant for a pardon to George Porter of Eyres Street, Middlesex, for the killing of Sir James Hackett. [*Ibid. p.* 429.]

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Jan. 15. Whitehall. Warrant to Sir Thomas Jenner, Recorder, and to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, after reciting that John Bramston has by his petition stated that being in company with Aurelius Piercy Wiseman, his most intimate acquaintance, the said Wiseman drew his sword on him, which caused him to draw his sword in self defence without any evil design against Wiseman, yet to his great grief he gave the said Wiseman a wound whereof he soon after died, and that the said Bramston is of a family which has always been true and faithful to the late and present Kings; for forbearing to execute on him the sentence of burning in the hand, if at his trial he be found guilty of manslaughter. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 54, *p.* 296.]

Jan. 15. Whitehall. Warrant for a pardon to the persons whose names are mentioned in the annexed lists for all trespasses, misdemeanours and contempts whatsoever against any Acts of Parliament or otherwise and all convictions and attainders for the same and all outlawries, seizures, executions and punishments and all *premunires* or other pains or penalties whatsoever and for all omissions of any duties required by any law, statute, custom or usage and for all pains, penalties, imprisonments, forfeitures, executions and excommunications that now or hereafter may be inflicted on any of them or any of them may be liable to for the future by reason of any thing by any of them committed or omitted. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 429.] *Annexed,*

The said lists, containing for co. Durham 228 *names, for Herefordshire* 239 *mostly women, Lincolnshire* 78, *Salop* 32, *Yorkshire* 32, *Lancashire* 25, *Northumberland* 75, *Warwickshire* 11, *among them Lord Carington, Staffordshire* 5, *among them John Giffard of Blackladies, John, his son, and Charles, his brother, Derbyshire* 2, *various counties* 13. [*Ibid. pp.* 430–439.]

Jan. 15. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. At Falmouth is arrived a ship from Malaga. The master reports that Tangier is almost built again by the Moors that were beginning to build the walls, a frame of timber being set about it already, and that, as soon as the summer comes, they will try what they can do about the mole, but that is judged an impossible work, it being so ruined by Lord Dartmouth that they have but little hopes of perfecting it. By this time a peace is agreed with Sallee and a galley was riding before the places to sign the articles.

The patent for the Earl of Rochester being Lord Lieutenant is now passed the Great Seal and Colonels Macarthy and Talbot have received commissions to command two regiments in Ireland.

Scotch letters advise that several of the rebels who had fixed up the late treasonable declaration have been seized by parties of the forces sent out by the Privy Council in search of them.

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French letters say that nothing has hindered the French King from giving orders for the march of his forces to the frontiers of Italy but the weather, which undoubtedly will be done as soon as the frost is over, since those of Genoa defer sending their Doge, without which no accommodation will be made notwithstanding all the endeavours of most of the foreign princes and states for a mitigation of his demands, to which he has declared he will be no longer obliged than the end of this month, if those of Genoa refuse to accept his conditions in that time. Affairs in Flanders are likewise not so well accommodated but that 'tis feared the non-performance of the payment of the contributions may occasion new disputes and troubles there, since on the one hand the French King persists by his resolution that Courtray and Oudenarde shall not be evacuated till all the money be paid him, whilst on the other the Spaniards declare the impossibility of raising the same in the time agreed, offering in the meantime sufficient hostages for the due payment of it.

The Turks continue to make extraordinary preparations for the next campaign. They are establishing magazines on the frontiers of Croatia, designing to make an incursion into that province, as also into Carinthia and Styria, while Count Teckely acts in Hungary with a body of Turks and Hungarians. The Turks persist in their resolution to succour Neuhausel, to which end they have prepared a body of 200 waggons, which are arrived at Novograd and are to be escorted by detachments of the garrisons of all the frontier places thereabouts. Col. Husler, who commands the blockade of Neuhausel, has sent a courier to the Emperor to inform him thereof and to demand reinforcements.

Advice being come to Lyme that their charter was renewed and that his Majesty had given an addition of 100*l. per annum* for maintaining their Cobb, it was met by several gentlemen on horseback two miles from the town and received by the Trained Bands at the town's end. The Mayor and Aldermen in their formalities carried it to the town house, where it was read, after which a great shout of God save the King and royal family. Then Capt. Alford, who was appointed by his Majesty, was sworn Mayor, who gave them a noble entertainment. The day ended with firing great guns and several volleys of small shot and the night by making bonfires and all expressions of joy.

Yesterday at the Guildhall several Dissenters were convicted and Crawford and Frazer committed to Newgate for refusing to take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 125.]

Jan. 15. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter to George, Duke of Gordon, his heirs and assigns, of the lands of Lochzeall and other lands. (The purport appears from the ratification printed in the *Acts of Parliament of Scotland, Vol. VIII, p.* 613.) [*Nearly* 2 *pages. Docquet. S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 87.]

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Jan. 15. Whitehall. The King to the Duke of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, the Earl of Kintore, Treasurer Deput, and the remanent lords of the Exchequer. Warrant for passing the above signature containing the change of holding therein mentioned, notwithstanding any former orders or instructions to the contrary. [*Ibid. p.* 88.]

Jan. 15. Whitehall. Warrants for protections to the Earls of Annandaile and Kilmarnock and to John Veitch of Dawick and William Clerk, advocate, for two years respectively. [*Docquets. Ibid. pp.* 89–91.]

Jan. 15. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. I moved his Majesty for his further pleasure about Col. Owen and Andrew Ramsey. As to Owen, his Majesty has rejected a petition for his enlargement and thinks fit he should continue as he is; but, if Ramsey can find good security to leave Ireland and not to return into any of his Majesty's dominions, he would have him released, otherwise he is to remain committed for want of such security. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 42.]

Jan. 16. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the report dated 6 Jan. of the Duke of Ormonde on the reference to him of the petition of James Hamilton, calendared *ante*, *p.* 230, with the petition annexed, which report was that the allegations in the said petition are true and that considering the hazards and charges that attend such mines and that nothing has yet been made of the grant for want of better encouragement, he conceives his Majesty may very well gratify the petitioner in both parts of the prayer, as well in reducing the rent from a tenth of the ore landed to 5*l.* a year for the first seven years and to a twentieth for the rest of the term as in renewing his lease. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 92.]

Jan. 16. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant (on the surrender of a grant to Francis Gwyn of the office of one of the Clerks of the Privy Council) of the said office during pleasure to Philip Musgrave, with the fee of 250*l. per annum* payable quarterly to commence from Christmas last and with all the rights and profits of the said office. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 440.]

Jan. 16. Whitehall. Warrant to the Attorney General, after reciting that last Michaelmas Cardell Goodman was convicted on an information in the Court of King's Bench for conspiring to poison the Dukes of Grafton and Northumberland and fined 1,000*l.* and ordered to find security for his good behaviour during his life and for keeping the peace, especially towards the said dukes, for causing satisfaction to be entered on record for the said 1,000*l.* and to

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discharge his giving security for the peace and good behaviour. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 16. Whitehall. Warrant for a privy seal revoking the privy seal of 31 Oct., 1671, for the diet, entertainment and intelligence of Sir Martin Westcomb, appointed agent at Cadiz, Port St. Mary and the districts, from Christmas last. [1½ *pages. Ibid. p.* 441.]

Friday, Jan. 16. Dublin Castle. The Lord Lieutenant to the Earl of Sunderland. Enclosing a letter from Dudley Pearce, Dean of Kilmacduagh, about the progress of the Roman religion in Ireland. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 343, *No.* 168.] *Enclosed,*

The said letter to the Archbishop of Dublin. Dec. 22, 1684. (*Both these letters are printed in the Ormonde Papers,* N.S., *Vol. VII, p.* 311.) [*Ibid. No.* 168 I.]

Jan. 17. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of John Thurston on behalf of three orphans, daughters of John Goldsmith, deceased, showing that his Majesty in consideration of 5,208*l.* 8*s.* really due granted to the petitioner and his heirs for ever for the use of the said orphans a rentcharge out of the Excise of 312*l.* 10*s.* payable quarterly, with a proviso that on payment of the said sum of 5,208*l.* 8*s.* and the arrears the patent should be void, and praying, in regard the said orphans have no other estate to trust to for their preferment, an order for the payment of the said 5,208*l.* 8*s.* with the arrears at eight quarterly payments with interest till the whole be paid. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 94.]

Jan. 17. Whitehall. Warrant for a pardon to Thomas Rosewell for high treason, whereof he was convicted at the Court of King's Bench last Michaelmas term. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 443.]

Jan. 17. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. His Majesty, having received an account of the death of Sir Theophilus Jones and being also given to understand that the Earl of Roscommon is not like to live, would not have either of their commands in the army disposed of till he shall have signified his further pleasure. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 43.]

Jan. 17. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for the reprieve of Robert Edgeworth if found guilty of the killing of —— Atkinson, late a lieutenant in the Irish army. [*S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 356.]

Jan. 18. Whitehall. Warrant to the Earl of Bath, Groom of the Stole, for swearing and admitting Thomas, Lord Bruce, to be one of the Gentlemen of the Bedchamber in the room of Thomas, Earl of Lindsey. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 443.]

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Jan. 19. Treasury Chambers. Henry Guy to Sir Robert Howard. The Lords of the Treasury desire you out of the 250*l.* directed by my letter of 4 Dec. to issue to Mr. Justice Windham's executors 59*l.* 16*s.* and to Baron Wright 46*l.* 1*s.*, being what is due to the former from the last day of Trinity term last to 27 July, the day he died, and what is due to the latter from 30 Oct. last, on which day he was sworn, to the last day of Michaelmas term last. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 124.]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Sir Henry Slingsby. His Majesty would have you forthwith appoint twelve gentlemen of your troop now at Barnet to attend Col. Maine from thence to Enfield and observe his directions. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 156.]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the report of Sir Christopher Wren dated 9 Jan. on the reference to him of the petition of Elizabeth Sandys, calendared *ante*, *p.* 264, with the petition annexed, which was that he conceives that her request to make a cistern to preserve that water of which she has already the grant may be allowed without inconvenience, provided she be kept to the limitations in the said grant, which are, that damage be not done to the City water nor to Westminster conduits in Hyde Park, which are more ancient than the Park, nor more especially to his Majesty's conduits there, by which Whitehall and St. James' are supplied, and to this end she is not to derive in passing the Park any new spring into her cistern to prevent his Majesty from improving and augmenting his own works, of which there is need. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 93.]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of John, Earl of Bath, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, on behalf of the Portreeve and corporation of Fowey for a new charter, they having surrendered their old one. [*Ibid. p.* 94.]

Jan. 19. Like references of the petitions of the borough of Michell *alias* Midsholl and of Sir John Arundell, lord of the manor of Michell, of Callington and of Samuel Roll, lord of the manor of Callington, of the borough of Ashburton, a stannary town and parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall, and of the borough of St. Mawes *alias* Mawditt and of Sir Joseph Tredenham, lord of the manor of St. Mawes. [*Ibid. p.* 95.]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant of a baronetcy of England to William Blackett of Newcastle-on-Tyne, with the usual discharge. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 444.]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. The King to the Duke of Queensberry, Treasurer Principal, and the Earl of Kintore, Treasurer Deput. Warrant after reciting the letter of 26 Dec., 1683 (calendared in the last volume, *p.* 168),

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ordering the payment of 3,000*l.* sterling out of the fines of Sir John Falconer and James Falconer to the Earls of Moray and Middleton and that the said fines will not amount to the said sum, for payment to the said Earls to be equally divided between them of the said sum of 3,000*l.* sterling out of the said fines and out of the fines imposed on any persons for any irregularities or disorders whatever. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 92.]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. Warrant for a remission to John Menzies, late of Hingingshaw, of the crime of treason committed by him in joining in arms with the rebels in June, 1679, or in harbouring or conversing with any rebels or traitors and of all other crimes of treason and rebellion that can be laid to his charge before the date of these presents as to his life only, without prejudice to his Majesty and his donators of any benefit that may accrue by the sentence of forfeiture against him as to his estate real or personal. [*Docquet. Ibid. p.* 93.]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. His Majesty, having seen a certificate dated the 31st past signed by you that Capt. Edward Carey, captain of a foot company in the army there, had leave from you to resign, before the orders to prohibit such resignations were sent you, directs me to let you know he consents to the said resignation and that accordingly you may allow thereof and give a commission to his lieutenant, with whom, as his Majesty is informed, Capt. Carey had agreed for his said company. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 43.]

Jan. 20. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Earl of Denbigh. I have received yours of the 12th concerning Sir Charles Fielding, but know of no alteration designed as to him, so you need not have any apprehension about it. I shall be glad to see him, when he comes to town, and in the meantime to do him any service. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 156.]

Jan. 20. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Great Chamberlain. I have received yours of the 12th with the names of those fit to be members of the corporation of Stamford and, having acquainted his Majesty with it, he directed the list be sent to the Attorney General that, when the surrender of that town's charter is made, their names may be inserted in the new charter. [*Ibid. p.* 157.]

Jan. 20. Whitehall. Warrant to Col. Edmund Maine to search for Col. Henry Danvers late of Newington, Middlesex, who stands accused on oath of several treasonable and dangerous practices, and to seize him with his papers and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland to be examined concerning the premises. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 444.]

Jan. 20. Like warrant to Thomas Lea, messenger, to apprehend the said Danvers. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

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Jan. 20. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. The Earl of Tarras, lately condemned in Scotland, having made a very ingenuous confession of the late conspiracy, 'tis believed his Majesty will be inclined to grant him a pardon.

On Sunday died the Earl of Roscommon, Master of the Horse to the Duchess. Lord Charles Murray, son to the Marquess of Atholl, succeeds him and Col. Berkeley, lately come from Turin, will be Master of the Horse to the Princess, which place Lord Charles enjoyed. The Earl (*sic*) of Kingsale will have the command of Lord Roscommon's troop in Ireland.

Mr. Oates will be tried on his two indictments for perjury, one on 7 and the other on 9 Feb. He has resolved to produce copies of the *Lords' Journals*, the King's speeches and votes and resolutions of the Commons.

From Falmouth of the 15th they write that the *Jeane* of that place from the Canaries was arrived. The master reports that a great Spanish ship is there, which was to take in 500 families for St. Domingo.

French letters say that that King has published a declaration against those of Genoa, in which he prohibits English as well as other nations from carrying any merchandize to that place and has commanded all his men-of-war to carry what ships they shall meet with consigned to Genoa into Toulon of what nation soever, and, if they find any English ships having merchandize on board for Genoa, they shall carry them into Toulon and unload the goods, paying the master his freight for them. This declaration is so much resented by his Majesty that he has commanded a memorial to be given in to the French Ambassador here to show his dislike of it.

On Saturday Mr. Richard Baxter, the Dissenting minister, was brought to the Old Bailey, when the Court tendered him the oath of allegiance, which he refused to take, saying he could not take any promissory oath, whereon he was remanded to prison in order to his trial next sessions.

Mr. Jenkins, the famous Nonconformist minister, died in Newgate three days ago. [3 *pages*. *Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 126.]

Jan. 21. Whitehall. Royal approbation of the election of Sir William Portman to be Recorder of the borough town and parishes of Taunton St. Mary Magdalen and Taunton St. James according to a proviso in the charter of the said borough. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 445.]

Jan. 21. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter in the usual form re-incorporating the town of Beverley, Yorkshire. [*Ibid. p.* 446.] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads mentioned in the above warrant with the names of the persons to be the first and present members of the corporation. [*Ibid.*]

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Jan. 21. Warrant for a grant of a baronetcy of England to John Child, general of all the English forces by sea and land in the Northern parts of the East Indies and President of the council of the East India Company at Surat, and the heirs male of his body, with the usual discharge. Minute. [*Ibid. p.* 447.]

Jan. 21. Whitehall. Warrant for a licence to Peter Azil and James Tiffaine, their heirs and assigns to build a watermill for making gunpowder in some convenient place, being their own ground, they having great skill in the said art and having long practised it in parts beyond the seas. [*Ibid. p.* 448.]

Jan. 21. Whitehall. Warrant for a charter in the usual form re-incorporating the town of Kingston-upon-Hull. [*Ibid.*] *Annexed,*

Paper of heads mentioned in the above warrant, among them being a clause obliging the corporation to repair the ancient banks and jetties, as they were formerly bound to do, and in consideration of the castle and some adjoining lands, heretofore granted to the corporation and now used by his Majesty, a grant of 18*l. per annum to the corporation out of the customs there and a proviso that his Majesty repair the banks of the new graft as occasion shall be. With the names of the first and present members of the corporation.* [*Over* 2 *pages. Ibid. p.* 449.]

Jan. 21. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Atterbury, messenger, to search for and apprehend Thomas Beuley of Eltham, Kent, with his papers and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland to answer to what shall be objected against him touching the publishing and dispersing of a treasonable libel. [*Ibid. p.* 452.]

Jan. 21. Whitehall. The King to the Lord Lieutenant. Warrant for payment of an annuity of 300*l. per annum* to Sir Edward Scott, to commence from Christmas, 1682. (Calendared in the *Calendar of Treasury Books, Vol. VII, p.* 1510.) [*Over* 1 *page. S.P. Dom., Signet Office, Vol.* 11, *p.* 357.]

Jan. 22. Whitehall. Game warrant in the usual form to Edmund Pye of Nether Worton, Oxfordshire, to preserve the game within 10 miles of Nether Worton. Minute. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 452.]

Jan. 23. Whitehall. The Duke of York to the Prince of Orange. "I have received yours of the 23 (N.S.), by which I see the frost was gone with you as well as with us here and that your dispute with the town of Dort was ended to your satisfaction. I have little news to return you, only that that villain Oates was this morning brought to the King's Bench bar, being the first day of the term, to answer to the two indictments of perjury against him and to-morrow fortnight appointed for his trial of the first of them. I am just

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now told that the Earl of Carlisle is dead in the North. If I had more to say, 'tis so late I should not have time . . ." [*Holograph. S.P. Dom., King William's Chest* 3, *No.* 118.]

Jan. 24. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant during pleasure of the office of Governor of the city and castle of Carlisle to Sir Christopher Musgrave in the place of Charles, Earl of Carlisle, deceased, fee 10*s. per diem* payable quarterly to commence from Christmas last. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 453.]

Jan. 25. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Sir Thomas Dolman for an order for payment of the arrears of his pension of 250*l.* as one of the Clerks of the Council, which place he lately held, which is behind four years and a quarter, or such proportion thereof as his Majesty shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 96.]

Jan. 25. Whitehall. Reference to Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys of the petition of Anthony Ovington for letters patent to set up a beam in Southwark to weigh all hops and merchandize, with allowance of such fees as are taken by the officers belonging to his Majesty's great beam in the city of London, for 21 years. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 25. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lords of the Treasury. His Majesty commands me to transmit to you the enclosed letter of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland recommending Mr. Weaver's petition with the reports and papers annexed for your consideration and report, he being disposed to the petitioner's just satisfaction. [*Ibid. p.* 97.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of Warwickshire. I have represented the contents of your letter of the 13th (calendared *ante, p.* 284) to the King, who permits you to apply the 200*l.* for the purposes therein mentioned. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 157.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Mayor of the Devizes. I have received yours of the 19th with the copy of an information against Daniel Cutting and also of his examination and your proceedings thereon. The King approves of what you have done and would have you take care that Cutting be prosecuted at the next assizes and that the evidence against him be then forthcoming. I have put the papers you sent me into the Attorney General's hands that he may give such further order as shall be requisite. [*Ibid. p.* 158.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of the Mayor and corporation of Torrington for a new charter,

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they having surrendered their old one. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 95.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Commissions to Giles Spicer to be lieutenant to Capt. John Berkeley and to Peter Crowne to be ensign to Lieut.-Colonel Strode, both in the first regiment of Foot Guards. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 134.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Warrant to Thomas Saywell, messenger, to search and seize together with his papers Robert Ford and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland or Roger L'Estrange to be examined concerning certain dangerous and seditious words, correspondences and practices whereof he stands accused. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 453.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Warrant to search for and seize Col. Henry Danvers with his papers and bring him before the Earl of Sunderland to be examined concerning several treasonable and dangerous practices whereof he stands accused. [*Ibid. p.* 454.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Warrant for the denization of George Segner, jeweller. [*Ibid. p.* 455.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Grant of a baronetcy of England to William Soame and the heirs male of his body with a special remainder to —— Soame and the heirs male of his body. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 27. Lord Alington to the Earl of Sunderland. Mr. Anthony St. Leger, lieutenant to Capt. Cheek's company, dying yesterday morning gives a good opportunity to establish a major's pay in the Tower without more charge to his Majesty, if he give that employment to Capt. Thomas Hawley, who is willing to perform both duties for the allowance of lieutenant's pay only. His Majesty has long been satisfied how necessary it would be to have a major in the Tower. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 125.]

Jan. 27. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Robert Spencer, showing that the salary of 400*l. per annum* granted him as one of the Farmers of the Customs of 4½ *per cent.* in Barbados for seven years, when he and his partners were made accountable for that duty, was taken off for the last three years by the Lords of the Treasury and praying that, he having proposed no advantage from thence besides the salary and the same being not stopped on his account, an order may be made for the payment thereof for the said last three years. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 97.]

Jan. 27. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of Thomas Townesend, Clerk of the Great Wardrobe, showing that having at sundry times taken up goods and borrowed money

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for carrying on his Majesty's service in the Great Wardrobe, when the credit of that office was low, 10,000*l.* are due to him on account of the same, that for above 1,500*l.* he pays interest and that there is further due to him 564*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* for his salary, liveries, etc., to Michaelmas, 1684, that his Majesty has at this time altered the course of the said Wardrobe by ordering the provisions usually served out thence to be furnished another way, in the execution whereof the petitioner is not included in the privy seal for that purpose, and, as he lies under extreme necessities, praying his Majesty to take him into his care and protection, without which he and his family must inevitably perish, his Majesty retaining a gracious sense of the many good services of the petitioner and his father. [*Ibid. p.* 98.]

Jan. 27. Whitehall. Commissions to Alexander Shenton to be lieutenant of an independent foot company in the Tower, whereof Capt. Thomas Cheek is captain, and to Lambert Pitcher to be ensign. Minutes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 133.]

Jan. 27. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. His Majesty has pardoned Mr. Rosewell, the Nonconformist minister, who was convicted for high treason last term.

The Earl of Carlisle being dead at his house in the country, his Majesty has given the government of Carlisle, vacant by his death, to Sir Philip [*recte*, Christopher] Musgrave, Lieutenant of the Ordnance.

On Sunday arrived an express from France with an account that the messenger sent to Genoa arrived there the 13th, on whose arrival the Senate immediately met and, having heard his message, after a long debate it was at last agreed that they should comply with the demands of France and send their Doge to him. This great affair being over, the French King has resolved to continue his journey to Chambord and it's hoped the Princes of Italy, being now eased of his (*sic*) fears, will vigorously assist the Venetians to carry on the war against the Turks, since they are informed, not only from the Levant but from all places of that empire, of the great preparations they are making.

Sir Philip Howard is passing his commission with all speed for the government of Jamaica and the Duke of Northumberland preparing to command the Guards here in his room.

Mrs. Holmes, being brought by *Habeas corpus* from the Gatehouse to the King's Bench bar, pleaded Not guilty to an information against her for setting forth a false seditious libel called *The Inquiry into and Vindication of the barbarous Murder of the late Earl of Essex* or *Vindication of the said Earl from the Scandal of murdering himself*. After she had pleaded, she was turned over to the King's Bench. A motion was made by Serjeant Trenco (?) on behalf of the young Templars and desired they might be bailed, which the Court granted and took their bail for

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each other in 500*l.* apiece to appear the last day of term and admonished them in the meantime to go and make their submission to the Benchers, for there should be no such thing as keeping Christmas hereafter without leave from the Benchers.

The Lord Chief Justice, seeing the Attorney General, told him of the informations against Sir Scroope Howe and of his very ingenuous confession and submissive acknowledging he had been drawn in and how in the face of the Court he begged his Majesty's and the Duke's pardon and that he, having the opportunity to wait on his Majesty and his Royal Highness, brought Sir Scroope to them both and that there to them both he acknowledged his fault and that his Majesty and his Royal Highness accepted it and forgave him.

Letters from Holland say that the Duke of Monmouth is preparing to return to Brussels with an intention to come thither in the spring. The reduction of the militia is now as good as agreed on, no less than five or six in a company and the lessening of the pay of the chief officers. Orders are likewise given both by the States and the East India Company there to hasten away for England pursuant to the edict of the French King. Some of his men-of-war have seized and carried in an English ship. I am told it's the *Africa*, belonging to Sir Dudley North and others of London.

Sir Thomas Street, late Baron of the Exchequer, but now altered to a judge of the Common Pleas, this day took the usual oaths at the Court of King's Bench. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 127.]

[Before Jan. 28.] Timothy Halton, D.D., Provost of Queen's College, Oxford, and John Luffe, Professor of Physic, Master of Ewelme Hospital, to the King. Petition stating that they 3 Nov., 1682, complained to his Majesty in Council of a clause in the new charter to Andover empowering the officers of the town to hold Weyhill fair on such part of Weyhill as they should think fit, the removal of which from where it has been usually kept would be a great damage to the University and College and to the rector of Way, of which Queen's College are patrons, and to Ewelme Hospital and their tenants of the lands whereon it has always been kept; that the counsel for the town offered to try at law their right by their old charter to keep the fair on such place on the hill as they should think proper; that at Midsummer assizes, 1683, the petitioners obtained a verdict against the town that they had no right to remove the fair; that last Trinity term at a second trial in the Court of Exchequer a second verdict was found in favour of the petitioners and that last Michaelmas term the petitioners obtained an order in Chancery to keep the fair in its old place, but on the desire of the town a third trial was ordered in the Court of King's Bench; that the town now declines such trial and have not only brought a cross bill in Chancery but have procured an information

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of the nature of a *Quo warranto* to be filed in the Court of Exchequer against the Hospital tenant, thereby to take away from the Hospital and parson the profits arising from the fair being held on the said lands and intending to take greater advantages by this suit in his Majesty's name than they can by any in their own and to render the former order and the proceedings at law and in Chancery fruitless to the petitioners; and therefore praying an order to the Attorney General that no further proceedings be had on the said information. (See *Privy Council Register, Vol.* 17, *p.* 284.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 126.]

Jan. 28. The Earl of Burlington to Lord [Sunderland]. At the sessions lately held at Doncaster for the West Riding some of the Quakers put into the hands of the Justices printed papers of the same kind with this, which being sent me by one of them and my indisposition not permitting me to wait myself on you I enclose it. The author of them was owned to be one George Fox, now under confinement. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 127.] *Enclosed,*

G[eorge] F[ox,] a Quaker, to the Chief Magistrate, Rulers, Ministers, Justices and other Officers who profess Christ and Christianity and are called Christians. Would you not believe it contrary to the royal law of God To do unto others as you would have them do unto you, if the Papist or Presbyterians should make spoil of and take away your goods, because you cannot for conscience sake be of the Papists' or Presbyterians' religion? 2. *Would you say it was according to the royal law of God to be haled from your peaceable meetings for worshipping God in his spirit and truth and to have your goods taken away through informers and to be cast into loathsome prisons to be kept till some of you died, because for conscience sake you cannot be of the Papists', Presbyterians' or Independents' religion?* 3. *If the Presbyterians, Independents or Papists should make you pay* 20*l. a month or two-thirds of your estates and bring* Qui tam *writs against you, as is now against many hundreds of us, and cast you into prison and spoil your goods, as now ours are, because for conscience sake you cannot join with their outward forms of religion, would you say this was according to the royal law of God?* 4. *If the Papists, Presbyterians or Independents should banish or imprison you (as many of us are now) because you peaceably meet to worship God and should call your peaceable meetings seditious conventicles and riots, because you cannot for conscience sake join to any of their forms of religion, would you not say that this was contrary to the law and the prophets, To love their neighbours as themselves, and to the royal law of God and the nobility of true Christianity?* 5. *Would you not think it very hard from the Papists, Presbyterians or Independents, if they should* premunire *you and cast your*

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men, women and widows into prison, as many of us are now, because for conscience sake you dare not take any oath, though your peaceable lives show your allegiance to the King and though you are willing to testify the truth with Yea, Yea, Nay, Nay, as Christ and the Apostle commands, would you say this was according to the law and the prophets in them and the royal law of God? 6. *Would the bishops and priests believe that it was according to the royal law of God and the law and the prophets for Papists, Presbyterians or Independents to excommunicate them and cast them into prison, because for conscience sake you cannot join to their forms of religion?*

Now I desire you to consider did ever Christ and his apostles force any to be of his true religion and worship and, if they would not, then give orders to take away their goods and their very beds, their corn, cattle, cows, clothes and tools? Did He not on the contrary exhort Christians to love one another and to love their enemies? and the apostle says Overcome evil with good. Christ told the Jews what the substance was of the law and the prophets, To love God above all and their neighbour as themselves. Should not all that go by the name of Christians show the nobility of true Christianity and not one Christian tear another to pieces and spoil his goods and cast him into prison, because for conscience sake he cannot receive another's form of religion, seeing that Christ rebuked his disciples that would have had fire come down to consume them that would not receive him. Do you think that God accepts the sacrifice or offerings of forced religion to save themselves from prison and spoil of their goods contrary to their consciences? Were not the offerings to be free will offerings in the time of the law? In the Gospel day are not the offerings and sacrifices of the Lord spiritual? Can any man force the spirit of God to that offering and sacrifice, for does not the apostle say, Ye are a royal priesthood. After Christ was ascended, did ever the apostles, bishops or elders give any orders to excommunicate, spoil goods and cast any into prison, there to be kept till death, as many of us have been that could not conform to their religion? Therefore I desire you in the fear of the Lord to consider these things and us, who are under great sufferings, imprisonment and spoiling of goods, whether this is according to the royal law of God and his prophets or the nature of the Lamb Christ Jesus and the nobility of true Christianity. If the Papists, Presbyterians or Independents should do so to you, would you say it would be well in them and according to the royal law of God?

Postscript.—*Where do you ever read that the Jews, when they had conquered any nation, did by the law force them to the Jewish religion or to be circumcised? or that they cast*

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them into prison, if they would not join with them in Divine Service? Where do you read that they made proselytes by force or that they became proselytes to save their goods or keep themselves out of prison? Ye do not read that, when Abraham and Isaac lived in King Abimelech's country, he forced them to his religion. When Abraham went down into Egypt and Jacob after him, you do not read that Pharaoh forced either of them to his religion. When the Turks conquer any nation or take captives, we do not hear that they force them to their religion, for the people called Quakers in Algier that are taken captive have their liberty to meet to worship there without disturbance. Therefore they that bear that great and worthy name of Christians should show forth the nobility of true Christianity and the nature of the Lamb Christ Jesus, which is far above all Turks and heathens. 17 *Nov.*, 1684. *London.* [*Printed. Ibid. No.* 127 I.]

Jan. 28. Whitehall. Warrant for the restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of Bath and Wells to Thomas Kenn, D.D., he being duly consecrated bishop of that see. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 57, *p.* 106.]

Jan. 28. Whitehall. Warrant for superseding the commission of the peace of the liberty of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, and declaring the same to be under the general commission of the county for the future. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 455.]

Jan. 28. Whitehall. Grant of a pension of 1,000*l. per annum* during pleasure to Thomas, Lord Bruce, one of the Gentlemen of the Bedchamber. Minute. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 29. Cambridge, Peterhouse. Dr. John Standish to Lord [Sunderland]. I am in quiet possession of my stall both in the chapel and hall at present but I expect shortly to be opposed further unless I have the continuance of your favour and protection, for the Bishop of Ely has drawn up a petition for a hearing before the King in Council and sent it down here and the Master and several of the Fellows subscribed it yesterday, not in a capitular way but in their private chambers, and returned it to his lordship to-day. And now I could acquaint you what just power the said Bishop has here by our College statutes, on what mistake he exceeds it in his present proceedings and how he connives at some of our chief members, who seem at least to have no legal title to their places, as also how this very Master and Fellows procured the royal dispensation last year, which the Bishop never attempted to hinder, to make one Gardiner Fellow for life though uncapable by our only statute royal, (however they now agree to put me to so much trouble and charge about a matter of less moment) but that I have no such commission. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 128.]

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Jan. 29. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of several inhabitants and burgesses of Calne for a regrant of their ancient privileges, which they have forfeited, under such regulations as his Majesty shall think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 98.]

Jan. 29. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney General of the petition of Thomas Warner, clothier, for a *Nolle prosequi* on an information of perjury against him for some matters sworn by him in a cause in Chancery. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 29. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. The Lord Chief Justice was not yesterday at Westminster, so little of note passed, save a motion against Mr. Glover, Marshal of the King's Bench, by counsel for one Cultiner, that he had got a judgment of 1,600*l.* against the Marshal on account of Lord Purbeck's escape, alleging that the plaintiff did not know how to get it. The Court bid them go according to law.

There was a motion that the appearance of Pettifer, Slauter, Gutteridge and Marwood might be recorded. Being asked what it was they were bound for, it appeared that in Windsor Forest, a place called Bray Wood being about 100 acres lately enclosed, these persons came by force of arms and broke down the hedges and fences, and, a messenger coming with the Lord Chief Justice's warrant to take Pettifer, he thre[ate]ned to shoot him, so that they were all committed to the King's Bench prison.

The grand juries to serve this term for the body of co. Middlesex were sworn yesterday, Sir Richard Derham foreman for the Hundred of Ossulston. Judge Withins gave the charge and amongst many other things told them to present such as frequent conventicles and said people should have a care how they go to conventicles, for, if the preacher should speak any treason, and if the hearers do not immediately go and declare it to one of [the Secre]taries or other minister of State, they will be guilty of misprision of treason, and that they should see after the innkeepers that they do not extort too much gain by oats and hay, and he also told them there was a great complaint against bawdy houses and that no presentment is at any time made against them.

It's said judgment in the Exchequer is against the Earl of Macclesfield in the case between him and the foreman of the Cheshire grand jury.

It's said that Mr. Trant and Mr. Bridges, two of the managers of the Hearth Office, are suspended their employments.

His Majesty has taken possession of an estate of Mr. Hampden's in Buckinghamshire amounting to about 700*l. per annum.*

From the Hague they write that on another memorial presented to the States by Mr. Chudleigh concerning the libel about the death of the Earl of Essex all the printers and booksellers of that

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place have been summoned several times to the Stadthouse to find out both the printers and publishers, that his Majesty may have satisfaction.

From Berlin they write that the Elector of Brandenburg and the other Protestant Princes and States of the Empire have resolved to assist the Emperor with 60,000 men, in case he will give them assurance that all the Protestants within his dominions shall have free liberty of conscience for the future.

A motion was made by the Attorney General between the [King and] John Law that there might be a trial at bar next term on an information against him for barratry, which was granted. An information was ordered against Mrs. Boardman, a schoolmistress for . . . ing Sarah Monday to Mr. Knightley, of which, if she be found guilty, the Lord Chief Justice declared she should stand on the pillory in all the schools in England and before the scholars at Hackney. [3 *pages. Torn. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 128.]

Jan. 29. Whitehall. The King to the Earl of Perth, Chancellor, and the remanent lords of the Privy Council. Warrant for authorizing and requiring the Advocate to pursue Sir William Scott younger of Harden, Robert Ferguson and such others as they have reason to think guilty of treason and for that end to cause summons to be forthwith issued out against them for their compearance before the Parliament or Justice Court to undergo their trials. [*S.P. Scotland, Warrant Book* 9, *p.* 94.]

Jan. 29. Whitehall. The same to the same. Whereas in compassion of the condition of Walter Scott, late Earl of Tarras, now a prisoner under sentence of condemnation for high treason, and in consideration of his great penitence, we are resolved to grant him a remission as to his life only in such terms as you shall think reasonable, we therefore authorize and require you to set him at liberty on his giving good security for his appearance before you when required and to cause such a remission to be drawn and sent up as you shall judge reasonable, which shall be soon signed and returned in order to the security of his life and personal freedom. [*Ibid. p.* 95.]

Jan. 30. Harwich. Stephen Sandford to the Earl of Sunderland. Sending a list of the passengers to and from the Brill since the 6th instant in the packet-boats. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 129.]

Jan. 31. Lincoln College, Oxford. Dr. Thomas Marshall, Rector, to the Earl of Sunderland. On the 20th instant I received from Sir Richard Wenman his Majesty's letter dated 28 June, Windsor, concerning the renewal of the lease of the impropriation of Twiford, Bucks., to him for 21 years or three lives. Fearing I might be represented as undutiful in making no earlier acknowledgement of his Majesty's

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letter, which was now seven months old before I ever saw or heard of it, I give you the trouble of this short account, declaring that I am ready to renew the said lease for 21 years. [*Ibid. No.* 130.]

Jan. 31. Peterhouse. Dr. John Standish to the Duke of Albemarle. Having given Lord Sunderland an account of my reception here yesterday, as he commanded me, I have only to acquaint you and his lordship further that I desired our Master this morning to lend me our Register book, but he refused, saying he could not spare it. I conceive it necessary that I should be secured that my dispensation is registered therein and that I ought to have a copy of the Bishop's letter, by virtue whereof he pretended to pronounce my place void, which, I doubt not, is there recorded, and that I examine also whether Lord Sunderland's order to him by the King's order be entered or not and what other letters from Ely House or petitions, etc., are there to be found about the premises, that I may report the whole matter to you and his lordship, but, unless I am empowered by you or him to demand the use of the said public record, which ought not to be denied to any Fellow, it will be still denied to me. [*Ibid. No.* 131.]

Jan. 31. Whitehall. Reference to Sir Thomas Chicheley, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, of the petition of Guicciardine Wentworth for a lease of the tithes of the rectory of Millom, Cumberland, for such term and on such abated rent as his Majesty shall think fit and to forgive him a small arrear of rent now due for those tithes. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 71, *p.* 99.]

Jan. 31. Whitehall. Reference to the Lords of the Treasury of the petition of the Mayor and burgesses of Newcastle-on-Tyne for a grant of the reversion of a piece of ground called Castle Garth in Northumberland after the three lives in being to the Earl of Macclesfield for such term and under such reservations as his Majesty shall think fit. [*Ibid. p.* 100.]

Jan. 31. Whitehall. Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General of the petition of Sir Edward Evelyn and Sir James Clarke for a new charter to the corporation of Kingston-on-Thames, who have surrendered their charter. [*Ibid.*]

Jan. 31. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant during pleasure to Thomas Gardiner of the office of Keeper of the Stores within the Tower on the surrender of a grant thereof to William Bridges. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 164, *p.* 135.]

Jan. 31. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant during pleasure to Sir William Trumbull of the office of clerk of the delivery of the Ordnance on the surrender of a grant thereof to Thomas Gardiner. [*Ibid.*]

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Jan. 31. Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to Charles, Duke of St. Albans, and the heirs male of his body of the office of Master, Surveyor or Keeper of the Hawks, on reversion after the deceases of Thomas Felton and William Chiffinch or other determination of their interest therein. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 335, *p.* 456.]

Jan. 31. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Yesterday, the anniversary for the martyrdom of his late Majesty, was kept here very strictly. Nothing of moment passed at Westminster save the judges of the King's Bench and Common Pleas and the barons of the Exchequer meeting there and going to Westminster Abbey to hear a sermon preached by Dr. Only, the minister of St. Margaret's.

Several persons have been excommunicated and proceeded against in the spiritual courts for not coming to church and conforming, *Capiases* having been taken out against them, one of which was served on Peter Kidd, master of the Amsterdam coffee-house, by virtue of which they carried him to Wood Street Compter, where he now lies.

From Holland they write that Sir William Waller is made Governor of Lünenburg and that he had established an English manufacture there.

From Hamburg they write that the Duke of Zell has surprised Marbeck and another considerable post belonging to that city and had sent the garrisons in them to Harburg and that at Lünenburg he had seized all the Hamburg merchants with their effects coming from Leipzig fair.

Letters from Dublin of the 16th, which arrived here yesterday, say that the Duke of Ormonde went to see the new stone bridge erecting and laid a stone himself, in which will be this inscription, Ormonde Bridge, 1684. He gave several pieces of gold to them. Letters from thence of the 25th say that the Countess of Ossory, daughter to the Earl of Rochester, died there.

Letters from Poland advise that an envoy from the Cossacks was arrived at that court to acquaint his Majesty that 5,000 Tartars had made an irruption into the Ukraine and at first had made a very great destruction but that afterwards the Cossacks having got together in a body attacked them with so much vigour that they killed 1,500 and took 400 prisoners, 30 of the most considerable of whom the envoy presented to the King. They add that the Grand Signior has changed all the principal officers in Caminiec and has made Bassaw Ali, an irreconcileable enemy to the Poles, Governor thereof.

From Vienna of the 21st they write that the troops in Hungary continue in extreme necessity, insomuch that a great quarrel arose betwixt General Serini, who commands the Bavarian forces, and Lieut.-General Shultz, by reason that the former would have obliged the latter to quit his quarters, that the Grand Signior designed all his forces against Hungary and that

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they will take the field very early, having stored their magazines with all necessary provisions for that purpose, but that for want thereof the Emperor's forces will not be able to take the field before the middle of May, that the Turks, Tartars and malcontents are assembling about Visegrad in order to put more provision into Neuhausel and that the Archbishop of Gran is dead very seasonably and left the Emperor 8 millions in ready money.

What I mentioned in my last concerning Mr. Bridges, etc., is true. Next Monday they are to give in their answer, which when they have done, you shall have the particulars. Judgment was this day given in the great case so long depending between Mr. Sands and the East India Company. The four judges of the King's Bench gave their opinions distinctly each [in a] very eloquent speech. They all agreed that the King had an absolute power by his prerogative to grant his letters patent to certain persons to trade beyond sea and to exclude all others, so that judgment passed for the Company against Capt. Sands. [3 *pages. Torn. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 129.]

[Between Jan. 31 and Feb. 6.] Articles of agreement made on the — day of — in the 37th year of King Charles II between Sir R. K., etc., of the one part and Col. Disney and Francis Royley of the other part. Whereas the said Sir R. K. by the information of the said Royley has undertaken to prosecute the late commissioners, treasurers, agents, and collectors for sequestrations in the late times of usurpation for several sums resting in their hands not being pardoned by the Act of general pardon and the said moneys being by the Act of investment made a debt to his Majesty, the said Sir R. K. with their assistance has engaged to procure letters patent from his Majesty to empower him, etc., to bring the said treasurers, etc., to a just account, in the said patent commissioners to be nominated on his Majesty's part and also on that of the discoverers, and that a third part allowed to the discoverer may not be paid into the Exchequer, but into the hands of the discoverer; it is agreed that the said Royley promises to be assisting to the utmost of his knowledge and to use his best endeavours in the discovery of and in prosecuting and obtaining the said sums, the costs to be disbursed by the said Sir R. K., etc., in consideration whereof the said Sir R. K., etc., agree with the said Royley to pay him a full third of all sums allowed them out of such moneys as by the said Royley shall be discovered and paid to the said Sir R. K., etc., by virtue of the said letters patents. [*Two drafts with some differences. S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *Nos.* 132, 133.]

[Jan. ?] The beginning of a new charter to the Haberdashers' Company of London on the surrender of their former one. [*Unfinished. S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 70, *p.* 120.]

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Feb. 1. Whitehall. Warrant for the royal assent to Baptista Levinz, D.D., one of the King's chaplains in ordinary, prebendary of Wells and rector of Christian Malford, Wiltshire, to be Bishop of the Isle of Man and Sodor, the said bishopric being now void by the translation of Dr. John Lake to the bishopric of Bristol, the said Dr. Baptista Levinz being already nominated and presented thereto by the Earl of Derby, patron thereof, and by him recommended by an instrument dated 28 Oct. last. With memorandum that because of the King's death this warrant was new writ and signed by King James with this alteration " one of the chaplains in ordinary to the late King." 18 Feb., 1684–5. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 53, *p.* 170.]

Feb. 1. Whitehall. The King to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Warrant for a dispensation to Baptista Levinz, D.D., Bishop of the Isle of Man and Sodor, to hold *in commendam* during his life with the said bishopric the rectory of Christian Malford, Wiltshire, and the prebend of Haselbeare in Wells Cathedral, with licence of permutation of either of them for any other benefice or dignity, provided that he hold not more than two benefices with cure at the same time. With memorandum that because of the King's death this warrant was new writ and signed by King James, 18 Feb. 1684–5. [*Ibid. p.* 171.]

Feb. 2, 5 p.m. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Earl of Sunderland to the Dukes of Newcastle and Somerset, the Earls of Lindsey, Peterborough, Abingdon, Shrewsbury, Dorset, Plymouth, Pembroke, Burlington and Craven, the Lord Chamberlain, Viscounts Newport and Fauconberg and the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of Warwickshire. The King having been very ill by a fit which seized him this morning, I thought it requisite in order to prevent all false relations and the consequences thereof to let you know that the fit seized him about 8, but that he is much come out of it and continues so well that the physicians have great hopes all danger is past. When I have given you this account, I doubt not you will take care by giving all necessary orders to your Deputy Lieutenants and the Justices to prevent all disorders that may happen on any false reports or by any seditious practices on this occasion. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 159.]

Feb. 2. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Earl of Sunderland to the Mayors of Newcastle, Bristol, Rochester, Chichester, Exeter, Gravesend, Chester, Berwick and Dartmouth. The first part is *verbatim* the same as the last letter down to " occasion," omitting " to your Deputy Lieutenants and the Justices." It proceeds:—I am further directed to let you know that you must immediately give order for stopping all passengers whatsoever from going beyond the seas and likewise suffer no ships to go out of that port till further order, and you are also to stop all persons whatsoever coming

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from beyond seas and not suffer them to stir out of your town till on application here they shall have leave given them. [*Ibid. p.* 160.]

Feb. 2, 8 p.m. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lieutenancy of London. The Council, thinking it requisite that more than ordinary care should at this time be taken of the peace of the City, would have you take care that a *Quorum* of the Lieutenancy continue together this whole night in some convenient place, where the officers of the militia may repair to them if there be occasion. [*Ibid. p.* 161.]

Feb. 2, 4 p.m. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Earl of Middleton to the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, Berkshire and Surrey, the Earl of Bridgwater, Lord Lieutenant of Buckingham and Hertfordshires, the Earl of Ailesbury, Lord Lieutenant of Bedford and Huntingdonshires, the Earl of Derby, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire and Lancashire, the Earl of Thanet, Lord Lieutenant of Cumberland and Westmorland, the Duke of Albemarle, Lord Lieutenant of Devon, the Duke of Albemarle and the Earl of Oxford, Lords Lieutenant of Essex, the Earl of Bath, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, the Earl of Bristol, Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, the Earl of Scarsdale, Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, the Bishop of Durham, Lord Lieutenant of Durham, the Duke of Beaufort, Lord Lieutenant of Gloucester, Hereford and Monmouthshires and Wales, the Earl of Gainsborough, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and Rutland, the Earl of Winchilsea, Lord Lieutenant of Kent, the Earl of Rutland, Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, and the Deputy Lieutenants of Cambridgeshire. (In the same words as the Earl of Sunderland's letter of the same date.) [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 69, *p.* 124.]

Feb. 2, 4. p.m. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Earl of Middleton to the Mayors of Plymouth, Lyme, Portsmouth, Rye, Southampton, Deal, Dover, Harwich, Yarmouth and Hull. (In the same words as the Earl of Sunderland's letter of the same date.) [*Ibid. p.* 125.]

Feb. 3. [Roger L'Estrange] to ——. (Printed in full in Kitchin, *Sir Roger L'Estrange, p.* 336.) [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 134.]

Feb. 3, past 7 p.m. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the same persons as his first letter of the 2nd was addressed to. I gave you an account yesterday of the King's indisposition. He is now so much mended that the physicians have declared to the Privy Council that they thought him in a condition of safety. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 161.]

Feb. 3. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to Mr. Froud. I wrote to you last night to stop all letters and passengers. The Privy Council now

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have thought fit that the inland and Irish letters may go, but that the stop as to all foreign mails should continue till further order. [*Ibid. p.* 162.]

Feb. 3. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. His Majesty has made Commissioners of the Hearth Office Mr. Toll, Mr. Osborne and three other gentlemen in the room of Mr. Bridges, Mr. Trant, etc. The place Mr. Bridges had in the Tower under the Master of the Ordnance is given to Mr. Thomas Gardiner.

When his Majesty rose yesterday morning, he complained that he was not well and it was perceived by those in his chamber that he faltered something in his speech, notwithstanding which he went into his closet, where he stayed a considerable time. When he came out, he called for Follier, his barber, but, before he got to the chair, he was taken with a fit of apoplexy and convulsion, which drew his mouth on one side (this was about 10 minutes past 8), and he remained in the chair whilst he had three fits, which lasted near an hour and a quarter, during which time he was senseless. His physicians blooded him and he bled 12 oz. freely. Then they cupped him on the head, at which he started a little, then they gave him a vomit and a glister and got him to bed by 10. He spoke before 1. He called for a China orange and some warm sherry, in which time both the vomit and the glister wrought very kindly, which his physicians say are very good symptoms. He mended from 1 till 10 last night, when they were laying him to rest, his physicians having great hopes that the danger of the fit is over, since which that hand they feared was dead he of his own accord moved and drank with it and complained of soreness, which they say is an extraordinary good symptom. Last night sat up with him three Privy Councillors, three doctors, three chirurgeons and three apothecaries, and this morning Dr. Lower, one of the physicians that sat up, says that he rested very well and that naturally and not forced. This morning he spoke very heartily, so that now they hope the danger of this fit is over. To-day the Sheriffs went to Whitehall by order of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to inquire of his Majesty's health, who commanded that they should be admitted to his presence and told them he had been dangerously ill but that, thanks be to God, he was much better and hoped the worst was past.

Last Sunday night Lord Alington, Constable of the Tower, died suddenly of an apoplexy.

Mr. Colson, one of the Coroner's inquest on the Earl of Essex, was brought up to-day by *Habeas corpus* and pleaded Not guilty to an information against him for saying the Earl of Essex was murdered and that the foreman of the jury was a weak man and that, had the jurors had time, they would have brought in another verdict.

On a motion of the Attorney General Mr. Williams was

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ordered to join in the demurrer to which he pleaded last term. A motion, which was granted, was made that Lady Ivy and one Banister might plead to an information for bribery and perjury. The Lord Chief Justice sent an officer to the Barons of the Exchequer to signify to them that his Majesty was well again.

His Majesty has given Lord Alington's company in the Tower to Sir Christopher Musgrave. [3 *pages. Admiralty* 77 (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 130.]

Feb. 3. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Lieutenant. Giving an account of the King's illness. [*S.P. Ireland, Car. II.* 340, *p.* 44.]

Feb. 3, at night. Whitehall. The same to the same. Giving a better account of the King. (This and the last letter are printed in the *Ormonde Papers*, N.S., *Vol. VII*, *pp.* 316, 317.) [*Ibid.*]

Feb. 4. Lavington. The Earl of Abingdon to the Earl of Sunderland. I received yours of the 2nd this afternoon and immediately despatched orders with copies of it to my Deputy Lieutenants, which also I should have followed, had not you given me so great hopes of his Majesty's being past danger and I found that my stay here might be some ways serviceable, for, as it was most confidently reported that his Majesty was dead, these parts of this country were in so great a consternation that, if I had confirmed it by a sudden going away, it would in all probability have done more hurt here than my presence in my own country could do good, it being, I hope, very secure from danger, if the worst should happen. Therefore I have resolved to stay here in hopes the next will bring a confirmation of his Majesty's recovery. If you should have any further commands I desire you would direct them to the Devizes for me. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 135.]

Feb. 4. Aston. Sir Charles Holt to Lord [Sunderland]. Last night I received your commands, which I forthwith dispersed to the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices. The unhappy news of his Majesty's illness has brought a great consternation on most people. We are in great expectation of to-morrow's post and then hope for the joyful news of his recovery. I will use my utmost endeavours to keep all quiet here. [*Ibid. No.* 136.]

Feb. 4, 8 a.m. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Mayor. The King is better this morning than he has been since his illness. The remedies he takes continue to succeed very well and his physicians are confirmed in their opinion of his being in a condition of safety. I give you this account that you may impart the good news where you think fit. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 162.]

Feb. 5. The examination of Vincent Rolland, a Frenchman of about 21 who came from Croisic in the pink, John Seaward master,

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and entered the river of Topsham the 3rd. He came immediately from the service of Madame Mosel Le March, with whom he had lived three years as a servant, the greatest part of the time at a convent about two leagues from Croisic. He left thinking himself too big to wear a livery. Having but 3*s.* 6*d.* found about him and no letters of recommendation, he says he ventured to come with so small a sum, being informed he could easily procure service in England and the intent of his coming was to learn English, being advised that all French people were well treated in England and that, if he could learn English, he was sure to get a good employment in France.

With note that Matthew Larrew, aged about 15, came in the same ship sent by Mark Moyan, a merchant in Croisic, to Alderman Smith of Exeter to continue two years in order to learn English. [*S.P. Dom., Car. II.* 438, *No.* 137.]

Feb. 5, 9 a.m. Whitehall. The Earl of Sunderland to the Lord Mayor. The King had a very good night and continues to mend as fast as can be expected, the physicians having last night given him a medicine which has had a very good effect. [*S.P. Dom., Entry Book* 56, *p.* 163.]

Feb. 5. London. Newsletter to John Squire, Newcastle. Mr. Recorder moved yesterday against Abraham Baily, William Haviland and Mr. Badcock, who were convicted last term for spiriting away children into foreign parts. They appeared on their recognizances and Mr. Holt moved for two or three days time before judgment, in the meantime to stand in their recognizances. The Court thought fit to commit them all.

Pettifer, Manwood, Slauter and Gutteridge, committed at the beginning of the term, were brought up and charged with an information for riotously breaking open the close of the Duke of Norfolk in the parish of Bray near Windsor Park, which was lately enclosed by him by virtue of letters patent from the King. Also Pettifer had threatened to shoot the officer sent from the Lord Chief Justice to serve a warrant on him. They pleaded Not guilty and were remanded.

On Tuesday night his Majesty rested very well and yesterday he took a purge which had good operation and about 12 last night and 4 this morning he took the Jesuits' powder and continues in a hopeful way of recovery, so that the physicians are of opinion that he is past danger.

To-day came out a Form of Prayer for the King to be read in all churches and chapels during his indisposition.

Last night a fire happened in Newgate Market, which consumed the market house and nothing else. The fire began by the carelessness of one of the servants, who left a candle burning on some empty baskets.

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His Majesty was blooded on Tuesday night in both the jugular veins, which, they say, prevented his having another fit.

French letters bring an account that a ship of Genoa, lighting on a French merchantman, mastered him and told the master he would save the lives of the passengers, but would throw the seamen overboard, which he did.

To-day the Attorney General moved the Court that, whereas the Marshalship of the King's Bench is an office of great value and whose right it is to be tried, that it might be a trial at bar next term and the other side are to show cause to-morrow why it should not be so.

Bartholomew Shewter, who was captain of the guard for the Templars, was this day brought up and bailed, himself in 40*l.* and two others in 20*l.* apiece, for his appearance the last day of term. A motion was made that Mr. Oates might be brought up to-morrow, which is granted, provided the Marshal take care of him, his trial not being till Saturday. [3 *pages. Admiralty* (*Greenwich Hospital*), 2, *No.* 131.]

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